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THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ARCADIA

1914--1953, Incl.

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The purpose of this chronicle is to record the story of the Woman's Club of Arcadia from its organization to the present time and to serve as a reference for future research and study.

There is a charm of novelty about the present subject, for in the analysis of progress it is interesting to watch the unfolding or play of the various environments and principles to meet the challenges of the times.

Anything written which may properly be called a chronicle must be largely a history or narrative of individuals and their services to the organization.

It has been deemed fair to give thoughtful consideration to all documentary evidence, and where this evidence is lacking, to the recollections and reminiscences of those members who participated in the early activities and organization of the Club.

There is no desire to weave a colorful legend around the Club; rather it is to chronicle events, policies, and objectives, and to remember the sustained interest of its members that has brought to the Club helpfulness, sympathy, beauty, stimulation, amusement and tender memories.

Objectives of the Club have changed very little through the years, but policies have frequently changed to meet the diversified interests.

This is a story of thirty-nine years of progress--a story that is still being written. As we look to the future with hope, we reflect on fulfillments and joy of the past.

1914--1921

This portion of the chronicle covers the period from 1914 to 1921--seven years--and the tenure of five Presidents.

During the early spring of 1914, several Arcadia women discussed the idea of forming a women's organization for the purpose of social enjoyment. Recreation of interest to women was practically non-existant in the community. Even to see a movie meant a trip to Los Angeles or Pasadena, via the Pacific Electric trains, or driving over roads noted for chuck holes, even some dirt roads, Huntington Drive having been completed only to Baldwin Ave., on the south side of the P. E. Tracks.

More neighbor women were contacted, and they too became enthused with the idea of organizing a social club.

These women were invited to meet in the home of Mrs. Charles Billings (Alice) on May 10, 1914, for the specific purpose of taking definite steps toward organizing a Club. On this date the ladies met at her home on So. Santa Anita Blvd., formerly spoken of as The Double Drive. After due deliberation, it was decided to have a club, dues were set at 25¢ per month, meetings were to be held twice monthly. These meetings were greatly enjoyed, and were held in the homes of the members; in fact there were no other places to meet. They decided the offices would be those of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers elected were Mrs. Alice Billings to be the President and Mrs. Mary Sumwalt as Secretary. No information is available at present as to who was elected to serve as Vice-President or Treasurer.

Those present at this first meeting and who had their names placed on the roster as charter members were:

Alice Billings	Mary Sumwalt	Irene Stoker
Ida Parker	Margaret Clibborn	Allicinda Payne
Constance Millard	Mattie White	Fannie Senior
Ida Grimes	Minnie Parker	Mrs. Edith Hood

The following names are of those who served as President during this period from 1914 to 1921:

Mrs. Alice Billings	1914-1916	2 terms
Mrs. Madge Clover	1916-1917	1 term
Mrs. Constance Millard	1917-1918	1 term
Mrs. Grace Newhall-Penrod	1918-1919	1 term
Mrs. Hulda Parker	1919-1921	2 terms

The list of Secretaries, Vice-Presidents and Treasurers is incomplete. The following are the names definitely known: Secretaries--Mary Sumwalt, Constance Millard, Margaret Clibborn; Treasurer--Hulda Parker.

Members who joined the Club in the early years:

Grace Frank	Fannie Wheeler	Madge Clover
Flora McCoy Rogers	Carrie Miller	Nora M. Cayer
Florence Duffy	Helen Sparks	Jessie Stewart
Nellie Bresendine Wilson		Nell Schrader
Beulah Corpe Hayden	Eleanora Ott	Olive Palmer
Charlie L. Harris	Ida Grimes	Ruby Slater
Majiska Ireland	Mrs. Mabel Ehle	Eva Emerson
Irma Glass		

Honorary Member:

Anita M. Baldwin - granted to her for her interest in the Club's activities, and her efforts on behalf of peace and welfare for service to the military personnel at the Balloon School.

As time marched on, their interests enlarged beyond their social activities. They became interested in civic improvements. Since the husbands of several of the women were connected with municipal affairs, it was natural that they, too, saw the needs for the city's welfare. All along the line, reorganizations were set in motion.

As these pioneer women cast an appraising eye over the situation, a number of worth while projects were analyzed. A library, improvement of a City park, a public drinking fountain where the passer-by could obtain a cool clear drink of Arcadia's fine water.

Therefore, the library was one of the first projects. Mrs. Billings contacted the County Library authorities in Los Angeles for the purpose of establishing a rental branch in Arcadia. The expenses, housing, and hiring the librarian were assumed by the Woman's Club. Quarters were obtained in the McCoy Building and Miss Gladys Roth was the librarian. Miss Olive Palmer served in the same capacity for a time. To accomodate the school children, library hours were from 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. The reading room in connection with the library always remained open.

The Club women maintained the library service to the people of Arcadia until 1920, at which time the City Council instituted the present Library system.

The county books were all returned to Los Angeles, and the books which the women had purchased and those donated were turned over to the City Library.

Previous to the Club's library, a small rental library was privately maintained in the small rear room of the old post office building.

Red Cross

The early years of the Club spanned the years of World War I. In Europe, the war began in 1914, effects were felt here in the United States and on April 6, 1917, the United States declared war against Germany.

The Club women immediately became active in the war effort. The Red Cross supplies were obtained from the Los Angeles chapter for knitting and sewing, providing layettes, and making lap robes for the soldiers stationed at the Balloon School in Ross Field, now the County Park. The old racing stables were renovated by the Army and used as barracks for the soldiers. In one of the buildings, the women set up a canteen. There was no U.S.O. at that time. Dances were held in the City Hall, the women selecting the young women for the dancing partners. Refreshments were furnished--sometimes box suppers, one for each soldier and his partner--hundreds of fieldcorn tamales were made and served. The soldiers were very appreciative for everything that was done for them by these good women.

The government furnished money for the supplies, but the women did all the work and to assist, the City Council fitted out a kitchen in the City Hall where the women could make coffee and any other foods they had to serve.

After the war closed, all unused Red Cross materials were returned to the Los Angeles Chapter. Mrs. Billings remembers the spools of sewing thread contained 12 thousand yards. One partially used spool was given to her. She still has the spool and some thread remaining.

Fountain

The cobble stone drinking fountain at the corner of Santa Anita Blvd. and So. Huntington Drive was built to serve the citizens of Arcadia. Mrs. Constance Millard was President at this time. A gala day was planned for the dedication. Picnic tables were set up on Santa Anita Blvd. center park way. The picnic dinner was open to everyone, and all were invited to attend. A street dance was held in the evening, the music was furnished by the 40th Battalion Band, from the Balloon School. To make the paving a better dance floor, many sacks of cornmeal were scattered on the paving.

Second Ave. Park

The Club women also undertook a beautifying project on the front portion of a parcel of land east of Second Ave. and South of Santa Fe tracks, at Huntington Drive, purchased by the City, used for a reservoir site. Not only did they wish to beautify the spot, but also planned that as the trees grew, the reservoir would be concealed from view.

There were two groups of native sycamores, and to these were added the trees and shrubs by the Club Women. Mrs. Frank Burt from Michigan, who was visiting with her sister Mrs. Millard, President, became enthused toward the Park project and contributed toward the expenses for trees and shrubs. Arbor Days were observed by planting a tree.

Later the reservoir was removed to a site farther north on Second Ave. and the place was improved for park purposes; used by the baseball clubs; barbecue picnic tables, a tennis court, and bleacher seats for games, etc., were built.

It is recalled that the Law Section of the club always held its final meeting of the year here with a picnic. Also it is remembered a

gala field day by the Club was held here, preceded by a parade from Baldwin Ave. to the park.

At this writing, there remains only the trees, a slab of cement, and the crumbling barbecue keeps lonely vigil with the sycamores.

The Club's numerous activities required financing, and many fund-raising projects were successfully concluded. They had card parties, dances, basket suppers and donations. One member recalls a very lovely dance held in a hall in Monrovia. Previous to the building of the City Hall there was no place suitable for large gatherings or meetings. One of the most successful projects financially was the ice cream and soft drink stand which they had at the Balloon School on July 4, 1917, when the Army gave the Air Circus, a public exhibition of military maneuvers, amateur boxing matches, captive balloons, and parachute jumping.

This writer, who came over from Glendale, was one of the thousands of visitors who came, many coming from the surrounding counties.

Mr. W. D. Millard had made the suggestion to Mrs. Millard, of a stand for this event, and gave the use of his milk wagon; this with the gay decorations added served admirably. It was first placed on Double Drive. The husband then pushed and pulled the milk wagon into the park. The demand for ice cream, soft drinks, and hot coffee was overwhelming. It was a very hot day and their task was to keep sufficient supplies on hand. Many trips were made for more supplies. When the day finally closed, they were a group of exceedingly tired women. Their net proceeds of $160.00 was such a comforting thought to ease their aching muscles. It takes many sales of ice cream cones and bottles of soft drinks, at 5¢ per, to make that amount of money.

Kitchen equipment was one of their pressing needs. When meeting in the homes, they brought their own service, but when they began meeting in the City Hall they planned to have supplies for the Club. Knowing that in every household there are dishes and pans that can be spared, and enlarging on that idea, they decided to place at the entrance door a basket to receive any contributions the members would bring, and they soon garnered sufficient kitchen equipment to serve their needs. However, on special occasions such as public dinners, they brought of their own dishes from home. On one occasion a set of twelve beautiful salad plates disappeared in an unexplained manner. Fortunately, these unhappy happenings occurred only occasionally.

It soon became apparent that at some future time a permanent home for the Club would be a necessity. The Club was gaining in memberships.

Their first meetings were in the home; from their homes they moved their meetings to the Presbyterian Church, a small building on Huntington Drive, formerly used as the first school house in Arcadia. From there they moved to the hall in the McCoy Building on the corner of First Ave. and St. Joseph St. After the completion of the City Hall at the Northwest corner of Huntington Dr. and First Avenue, the City authorities granted them the privilege of using a small room on the second floor.

Later they met in the auditorium. Here they remained until the completion of the present Club House, 324 So. First Ave.

Therefore, as they viewed the future, they decided to set up a building fund. The first deposit in this fund was $7.00, the proceeds of a doughnut and coffee sale, held in the City Hall. Mrs. Nell Schrader was Chairman and her committee Mrs. Grace Newhall Penrod. Through the succeeding years, this fund grew, until the total was sufficient to begin the building of their own club home.

During the administration of Mrs. Hulda Parker, the Club decided to broaden their Club life by joining the Los Angeles District and the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

It is thought that this time the choosing of the Club slogan "Let Us Build Together," selecting the Pink Carnation as a symbol of their love for flowers, and using pink and green for the Club colors, was made. This decision has remained unchanged through the years.

Riding on the first float from Arcadia in the Pasadena Rose Parade was the beautiful small daughter of Irene Stoker. This little miss was dressed to represent a butterfly with golden satin wings. The float was entered in the parade by Mrs. Anita M. Baldwin. It was a beautiful float; the theme, "Peace"; flowers, doves and butterflies (little girls) were used to decorate the float.

The small group of women of these first years did not overlook the need for pleasure and fun, holding many happy and joyous social affairs among themselves. Special occasions of rejoicing meant a party--a new baby, a wedding, a visiting guest of a member. It is recalled a baby shower was held for Mrs. Nora M. Cayer, also for Mrs. Majeska Ireland. Luncheons were always an incentive to get together for a social day. If their homes were not large enough, they moved into the yard beneath the sheltering shade of a friendly tree. By these associations, they became more than fellow club members but real friends--a bond that still holds them near and dear to each other. They are passing on to the Club a heritage rich in memories, accomplishments and devoted co-operation and loyalty.

Written by Emma D. Meade

1921--1922
Mrs. May Dunham, President

On November 11, 1921, Mrs. C. L. Dunham presided over the first meeting of the Club year; also her first year as President. It was the Nation's third Armistice Day; a Prayer for Peace was read by Mrs. Schick, Mrs. Dunham's mother. Each meeting had its leader who planned and presented the program for the day. Many lovely Club programs were given in the form of travelogues--a trip to Hawaii was colorful and very realistic with accompanying music. Unique was the answer to roll call throughout the year; a subject was announced and each member as her name was called contributed something suggested by the subject of the day. The Club husbands were special guests at an evening party. A Children's party was given on Valentine's Day. Several radio demonstrations and entertainments were given. A contest was held through the year with points given for attendance response to roll call, part in program, acting as hostess, and bringing in new members; the losers to entertain winners at end of year. In May the Club celebrated its seventh anniversary.

In response to invitation, several members visited San Pedro, Pasadena Shakespeare, and Sierra Madre Woman's Clubs. Mrs. Taylor, representing the District Federation, spoke for Federation, explaining the purpose of Federation, and especially the endowment fund. Mrs. Lorbeer, State Chairman of Conservation of Forests and Water, was speaker at one of the meetings.

The Philanthropy report showed a gift shower of grocery staples sent to the David & Margaret Home for Orphans--also a stove, costing $27.00, was given to a needy family. Donations of fruit and nuts were sent to the disabled veterans. A sum of $5.00 was sent to the Monte Vista Home at Sunland and a like amount sent to the Near East Relief. Bundles of good used clothing were gathered and sent for the needy in the Near East.

In keeping with Club interest in City and community growth, one program was given under the heading "Survey of our Home Town" covering schools, library, local government, natural resources, etc. Also in response to a plea from Calif. Federation, the Club members became more alert to patronizing California products.

The usual fund raising methods, dinners, luncheons, card parties, etc., brought in substantial sums adding to the "Club House Fund", and general fund.

Outstanding were the well planned programs covering varied subjects making the first year of Mrs. C. L. Dunham's presidency one long to be remembered. A delightful picnic was held in Brookside Park in Pasadena when the yearly reports were given.

By unanimous vote, Mrs. Dunham was thanked for her fine leadership--and with thanks to her members she responded that with the loyalty of her

members they could look ahead to a better year for 1922-1923.

Officers, 1921-22:

May S. Dunham	President
Nell Schrader	Vice-President
Iona Oldham	Recording Secretary
Irene Moore	Corresponding Secretary
Cora Tracy	Treasurer

Written by May Glover

1922--1923
Mrs. May Dunham, President

Serving with Mrs. Dunham were:

Mrs. Walter Schrader	First Vice-President
Mrs. I. M. Oldham	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Irene Eastwood	Treasurer

Invited to share an especially fine program was the neighboring Monrovia Woman's Club. Outstanding was the fact that fifty-five new members came into the Club early in the Club year. Roll call was taken and a record kept of the Club attendance. Lt. Clair spoke on the subject of "World Peace", and Mrs. Schuhman presented the Inter-Peace falg designed by her husband. New song books were purchased for the use of the members in community singing. A box social was held at the Holiday season and proved to be a huge success. Deviating from the usual tea, several luncheons were enjoyed. Among the entertainers this year were several young folks, children of members--Mrs. George Needham's son, Ted, gave several readings; Miss Lola Watson, now Mrs. Maurice Trew, shared her sweet voice with the Club members. Again tableaux and skits by members were greatly enjoyed. One program was outstanding, picturing the four ages of womanhood from childhood to the fading rose of old age.

Another equally enjoyable program was given by Miss Reeves of the Monrovia High School, who told of the art of tea making. At the close all were invited to a tea party. Also this year the members were invited to attend a lecture at the Monrovia Club, "Vanishing Indian Trails," by Prof. Monson. The May meeting was held at the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles, where a delightful lecture on Indian Lore was enjoyed and the afternoon given over to the inspection of Indian relics. The Club luncheons were held in the church parlors.

Neighboring clubs visited were Baldwin Park--on the occasion of the opening of their new Club House. The Club President, Mrs. Dunham, represented our Club at the Pasadena Study Club. We contributed to the building fund of the Los Angeles District by purchasing Christmas and greeting cards.

At a beautifully appointed luncheon, twenty representatives of neighboring Clubs were guests of the day. Mrs. Truewhilla, District Vice-President, was speaker; each club president spoke of some outstanding service her club was rendering, making this reciprocity affair a most interesting as well as beneficial one.

The merchants gave several lovely gifts for the building fund, these being auctioned and money raised for that purpose, amounting to $131.00. Dishes were purchased for the purpose of serving the Chamber of Commerce dinner; also new cupboards were built for their storage. At this time, a towel shower was given by the ladies.

A gift of $31.00 was sent the Children's Hospital.

An intense interest in City affairs was shown and co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce was apparent in the speakers from this organization who presented its aims to the Club members on various occasions--subjects such as Arcadia's need of a City Manager, a good park with a swimming pool, also the coming of industries with large payrolls. The Club took on the sale of Red Cross seals in this community. We took part in the celebration of Arcadia Day. Funds raised by serving dinners, luncheons, a box social and various other means swelled the building fund, as well as adding new dishes and silverware for Club use.

A picnic lunch in Brookside Park, Pasadena, concluded the year's work. The members were loud in their praise of Mrs. Dunham, her fine leadership, devotion and untiring efforts in the Club's behalf.

Written by May Glover

1923--1924

Mrs. Nellie C. Pickard, President

In the years 1923-24, Mrs. Nellie C. Pickard headed the Club with:

Mrs. R. L. Edwards	First Vice-President
Mrs. A. N. Verner	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Irene Eastwood	Treasurer
Mrs. Helen Shekell	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Clarence L. Dunham (Retiring Pres.)	Federation Secretary

All regular meetings were held in the City Hall. Roll call of members was taken each meeting. Tea was served, following programs, with luncheons on special occasions. The treasurer was bonded. There being no set sum for programs, the cost of transportation was presented to out of town speakers. Much of our entertainment was local talent.

Through the efforts of Mrs. C. L. Dunham, Federation Extension Secretary, the Club became interested in joining the General Federation of Women's Clubs and became a member in 1924. Mrs. Elinore Toll, founder and President of the Los Angeles District, honored our Club by coming to us, also Mrs. Charles McKelvey, prominent authority on Parliamentary law and District Chairman, was a speaker. Mrs. R. G. Winter, President of the General Federation, visited Los Angeles and spoke in the Trinity Auditorium. Several of our members, Mesdames Pickard, Schwarzkopf, Shrader, Coleman, Falconer, Shekell, Meade, Angstad and Payne attending. Mrs. Verner and Miss Mild acted as ushers at this Convention. The outgoing president was awarded the Federation pin with gavel as she became Federation Extension Secretary.

The Community Church opened its doors to the Club on many occasions. The first meeting of the Club year in the form of a reception was held in the church parlors. The Masonic Organization extended an invitation to its annual installation of officers.

The City fathers offered a 25 year lease on two lots--100 x 150--with the privilege of a 25 year extension, on Second Avenue. The members declined this offer because of the closeness of the Santa Fe Railroad--the noise, etc.

Dishes costing $152.61 and silver $110.02 were purchased. The silver was stored in the local bank as there was no locked cupboards for storing our properties. The silver was taken out only on order of the chairman of the hostess committee. Also in this year, feeling the need of a good piano, Mrs. Mattie Peck started a piano fund with a gift of $25.00.

Canned fruit, jam and jellies were sent the David and Margaret Home for orphaned children at La Verne, with a gift of silver amounting to $16.15. A sum of $5.00 was sent the Travelers Aid Society.

An invitation by Lt. Kane in charge of Ross Field, now the County Park, to join other organizations in putting on an Exposition was accepted. The Exposition was held at Ross Field, with exhibits of garden produce, including vegetables, flowers, poultry, animals, etc. Also a carnival with booths of food, ice cream, candies; these in charge of the various organizations, the proceeds to be split 50-50. It is recorded that $164.40 was cleared.

Sierra Madre invited Arcadians to join them in their Wisteria Fete. In the spring of this year a Spring Blossom luncheon was served; this to be the forerunner of the Annual Peach Blossom idea.

Club members were very much alert to state and national affairs. On one occasion, a resolution was sent to the Hon. Charles E. Hughes asking that a representative be sent from the United States to the International Opium Conference. Also a telegram was sent to Governor Richardson in protest to a proposition to cut School funds. The name of the Woman's Club of Arcadia was placed on the "Golden Scroll" of the new Mission Theatre to be built in San Gabriel by John Steven McGroarty--the sum of $5.00 being our contribution to this project. The Club made an appeal to the City in behalf of the eucalyptus trees which were becoming neglected.

Two sections were organized--Music and Choral and Public Affairs; this last to be held jointly with the Monrovia Women's Club in alternating meetings. However, this venture was short-lived. A sum of $75.00 was voted by the Club to the music section for its expenses and a music library. Madam Sprotte was selected to lead the choral group, a small charge was asked of each member to defray expenses. Mrs. Adrian Winkler was Chairman of this section and gave untiringly of her time and ability to its welfare. Mrs. Mattie Peck was the accompanist of this group.

Aside from the profits of the Exposition, there were luncheons, card parties, concerts, sales of Bradens products, a theater party, and a very successful supper dance, proceeds of which made an interesting annual report of the treasurer in June, showing $50.53 in general fund and $1182.90 in the building fund. A per capita tax to the Biennial of 50¢ was paid.

The final meeting of the year was held in the Alhambra Park, in the form of a picnic, concluding a very busy and prosperous year; 33 new members added to club membership.

Written by May Glover

1924--1925

Mrs. Mae Dunham, President

The opening meeting was held in the form of a reception, Mrs. C. L. Dunham presiding. The board consisted of:

Mrs. Winifred Schoaf	First Vice-President
Mrs. A. Hoegee	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Eunice Verner	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Helen Shekell	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Nellie Pickard	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Irene Eastwood	Treasurer

Outstanding this year was the Colonial Day when members came in costume. Folk dancing by members was very enjoyable. Mrs. R. H. Swarzkopf's daughter Jeanne gave the Gettysburg Address. A display of antiques created much interest. For the first time a set sum was voted for the use of the program committee--$125.00 with $50.00 to be used for parliamentary instructions for the entire Club.

An evening for the Club husbands proved very successful. Also, definite plans were made for the purchase of a piano. The Club bought new drapes for the windows in the City Hall and new screens for use on the stage. Mr. A. N. Multer made a gift of half of his salary as councilman, amounting to $40.00, to be applied on the building fund.

In January, a new committee was appointed to further investigate a building site; Mesdames Roberts, Coleman, and Parker. The Board was empowered to call a special meeting for the purpose of acting on purchase of site. The Club properties, such as dishes, etc., were allowed to be rented to the various organizations; the amount charged was determined by the Board.

By February of this year, the building fund had reached the total of $1420.48, with enthusiasm for a new Club home rising daily. By April, the building fund had climbed to $1605.68. The piano fund was growing, too, with $80.00 by April. On motion, the Club bought eleven shares of Edison Stock and made loans of $500.00 with money in the Building Fund. $5.00 was sent to the Children's Hospital and $10.00 to the Near East Relief Fund.

A sum of $50.00 was contributed to the Municipal Tree Fund. The Club was greatly interested in beautifying Arcadia, the city's history and growth, and a lovely program was given in the form of a panel; the title "Arcadia the Beautiful." The origin of its name and the planting of the trees was given by Mrs. Irene Stoker, Arcadia's resources and needs by Mrs. Tyndal, Arcadia's possibilities by Mrs. Jessie Stewart. It would be interesting to know how many of her predictions have materialized. The Club this year sent a resolution to the Department of Legislature favoring a bill for the purpose of an Industrial Farm for women. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dorsey gave the Club a beautiful cedar tree; a sum of $55.00

was paid by the Club for its removal to the City Hall grounds. The tree was used for years at Christmas time for decoration and distribution of gifts to the City's children.

25¢ per capita was paid to the State Redwood Memorial Fund. The Chamber of Commerce of Arcadia requested that two Club members be appointed to serve with the Chamber.

The Choral Group was now entertaining the Club with professional performances, and the Club was very proud of its accomplishments. The members of the Woman's Club of Arcadia were especially invited guests of the San Gabriel Woman's Club.

Again funds were raised by the usual means--luncheons, card parties, theatre parties. One unique method was the giving of a dollar to each of 25 members who responded to the idea and each made as much as she was able, and on a stated day she answered the Roll Call and told how she made her increase and how much. This proved to be both entertaining and profitable.

Again Mr. Multer presented the Club with $25.00 for the building fund.

The final meeting was held at the Marigold Gardens in the form of a luncheon--a very pretty setting. The yearly reports were made. A very enjoyable day was recorded, closing a most interesting year.

Written by May Glover

1925--1926

Mrs. Mae Dunham, President

Mrs. C. L. Dunham presided at the first meeting of her last term as President. Her board was as follows:

Mrs. Nellie White	First Vice-President
Mrs. Floyd Coleman	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Ethel Farwell	Treasurer
Mrs. Grace Newhall	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Edith Roberts	Federation Chairman

Mrs. Newhall tendered her resignation and Mrs. Wood Glover was elected.

Mrs. Nellie White this year presented the Club with a large silk flag. She traced the history of the flag from the time of its inception to the present time, showing that each war through which it has passed had but added "new beauty and lustre to our starry banner."

This year, the Club revised its By-Laws to conform with a model furnished by the Los Angeles District Federation of Women's Clubs. Again the Spring Blossom luncheon was a beautiful affair. A safety deposit box in the bank was rented for the purpose of keeping important papers, etc. A letter of thanks was sent to the neighbor club at Michillinda thanking them for a lovely day with them, and to reciprocate they were invited to lunch with our Club. A group of women attended the State Convention in Pasadena. Honorary membership was presented to the President of the Michillinda Woman's Club. At long last, the Sohmer piano was purchased with $100.00 as down payment.

A special meeting was called in March to consider the purchase of 2 lots on First Avenue and California Street, and several other properties. The price of the first named lots was $2400.00. The motion to buy was lost.

The rental of the piano was left to the discretion of the piano committee. Forty card tables were purchased. Mrs. Florence Granville headed the Red Cross Drive and with her committee canvassed the city in the yearly appeal for funds. Dolls were dressed for the children for Christmas.

The Club was asked by the City fathers to help in selecting an appropriate site for a city park. Two members to be appointed to act with planning commission. This year the Club members assisted in decorating the City's float for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses. A committee of three was appointed to work with the welfare board; also a committee of three to work with the school board.

A resolution was presented and adopted to place a memorial in the Hall of Fame, Washington, D. C., in commemoration of Juan Cabrillo and John Charles Fremont. Through the efforts of Mrs. Wileman, a member of the Navy board was secured for Armistice Day observance in Arcadia.

Much interest was being shown in Arts & Crafts section, and $50.00 was allowed for its use.

Besides the usual projects of raising money, this year the women of the Club served the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner, realizing $60.00. Food sales were held at every meeting for Piano fund.

The June meeting of this year, being the closing one, the new officers were installed. Much of praise was said for Mrs. C. L. Dunham in behalf of her fine leadership, her untiring devotion to the Club, her sweet and charming dignity, the four years she served the Woman's Club of Arcadia. A gift of appreciation with the love and respect of every member with it was presented to her.

Mrs. Dunham served four terms as President of the Club:

1921-1922
1922-1923
1924-1925
1925-1926

Written by May Glover

1926--1927

Mrs. Nellie White, President

Mrs. Nellie White opened the Club year by presiding at the October meeting. Nine new members were presented, among them Mrs. Ella Byrne, later to become President, and Mrs. Florence Granville, who will long be remembered for her outstanding and untiring devotion to the Club and civic interests of the City. Outstanding was the evening dinner party at which Club husbands were guests, enjoying besides good food an especially excellent program in memory of Abraham Lincoln; patriotic decorations of flags, tableaux, speeches and enthusiastic singing were enjoyed. This was the first time the song, "Arcadia" composed by Mrs. Nellie White was sung. Several of our City's young folk gave us of their talents in our programs--Misses Virginia Helm, Theresa Schermerhorn and Virginia Stewart entertained on a number of occasions.

Acting as a board with Mrs. White were:

Mrs. Bertha Hawk	First Vice-President
Mrs. Mabel Upham	Second Vice-President
Mrs. May E. Glover	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Alma Bailey	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Mae Angstad	Treasurer
Mrs. Mattie Peck	Program Chairman

Mrs. Leila Atherton Irish spoke to us in behalf of the Elinore Toll Memorial Fund, money to go to the building of a headquarters for Los Angeles District Federation. Her appeal met with enthusiasm, and a vote was taken and one dollar was collected from each club member. $100.00 was sent to this project.

Mrs. W. W. Slayden, President of District, visited the Club leaving an inspiring message. Ten long tables at the cost of $7.00 each, and as many long white cloths for same, were purchased.

Thirty members visited the Goodwill Industries, and became so interested in the good being done that Mrs. Albert Daniels was appointed Chairman of Goodwill Industries in Arcadia. Answering an appeal from the Sawtelle Hospital, stockings were filled, fruit, nuts, homemade candies and handkerchiefs were sent the patients there. A gift of $10.00 was sent to the Pasadena War Mothers. Through the efforts of the Club members and its Chairman, a Red Cross canvass of the City was made resulting in a sum of $125.00 collected and turned over to Red Cross.

The Chrysanthemum Fete was such a success it was voted to make it a bigger and better affair and hold it annually. The Garden Department with fourteen members was organized. Its slogan to be "Hello, how are your mums?" Another section, Arts & Crafts, was organized; its Chairman, Mrs. Helen Sparks. After two years of planning and working, the cook book was completed and placed on sale at $2.00 per book.

Written by May Glover

1927--1928

Mrs. Nellie White, President

Mrs. Nellie White again led the Club. Her Board consisted of:

Mrs. Bertha Hawk	First Vice-President
Mrs. Florence Muller	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Mae Angstad	Treasurer
Mrs. Margaret Johns	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Nellie Pickard	Federation Chairman

Mab Lineman Copeland, noted authority on law, was a speaker--her subject being "Protective Law for Women." Interesting and entertaining was one program in particular when Mr. John Vanderbur and Mr. Harold Johns gave us of their talent in several duets--both men husbands of members.

The Woman's Club of Arcadia joined with the many other clubs throughout the State representing a membership of over 30,000, protesting the removal of valuable timberland from the Yosemite National Park area. Copies of this resolution were sent to President Calvin Coolidge, Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work, Secretary of Agriculture John Jardine, Secretary of Commerce of Public Lands Hon. N. J. Sinott, Senators Shortridge and Johnson. The clubwomen felt the need of bringing the young women into Club life and Mrs. Helen Sparks made a motion to form a Junior Women's Auxiliary to our Club.

The need for owning our own Club home was being felt more and more as the City fathers were outgrowing their quarters and were needing the space upstairs in the City Hall. We were becoming anxious to find a building site. Mrs. Jessie Stewart, Chairman of Building Project, presented several sites, among them: El Dorado at First Ave., $1500; Diamond at First Ave., $1500.00; Fano at Santa Anita, $1800.00; Northeast Corner First & Diamond, $1500.00; Northeast Corner First and El Dorado, $1600.00. These were all two-lot sites. Others were mentioned also, however, no decision was made.

A gift of $10.00 was presented to the Boy Scout movement. $25.00 was given for the Annual Christmas tree fund. The Club took charge of the Annual Red Cross drive. Mrs. Jessie Stewart reported $333.35 solicited. Upon the invitation of the City Council, a committee was appointed to meet with it. We joined other city organizations in asking the City that the old and dying trees lining the City streets be replaced by new ones. The new section, to be known as the Business and Protective Law section, with Mrs. Emma D. Meade as Chairman, was organized.

Mrs. Nellie White completed a busy two years. She was outstanding in her efforts for the growth of the Club and the beautification of Arcadia, and will always be remembered as the founder of the Peach Blossom Festival.

Written by May Glover

1928--1929

Mrs. Bertha Hawk, President

Due to the serious illness and resignation of Mrs. Mattie Peck who had been elected to be President, Mrs. Bertha Hawk, First Vice-President, became the President and presided at the October meeting. Serving with her on the Board were:

Mrs. Laura McNaughton	First Vice-President
Mrs. E. M. Funk	Second Vice-President
Viola Andrews	Recording Secretary
Irene Eastwood	Corresponding Secretary
Mae Angstad	Treasurer
Mrs. Nellie White	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Ethel Watson	Program Chairman

Outstanding in the way of entertainment was a play, the "Birth of a Nation," enacted by Club members. It was a Colonial theme and beautifully done. The programs through the year were of high type, with good music, book reviews, plays and educational subjects. The membership showed a good increase; 147 on the roll. Mrs. W. W. Green, President of the State Federation, visited and gave an inspiring talk.

Aid was given to the Spanish Welfare work in the High School district, Sierra Madre Home for undernourished children, a donation to be used by the Arcadia City Matron, Disabled War Veterans were remembered and $5.00 was sent to the Old People at the County Farm. $25.00 was given to the Christmas Tree fund. The Club endorsed the proposition for the building of a Public Library. Mrs. Emma D. Meade, a member of the Library Board, spoke on behalf of the Library at Club and also at P.T.A. meetings. The Club worked with the Chamber of Commerce in decorating the Arcadia float in the Rose Parade. Judge Georgia Bullock was a most interesting speaker to an appreciative audience. She was presented by the Business and Protective Law Section, Mrs. Emma D. Meade, Chairman.

A travel section was added under the guidance of Mrs. Joseph Scott, a noted world traveller, twenty women joining. During this year there was an atmosphere of well being and harmony in the Club. The average attendance was larger than for some time. 31 new members and 9 re-instatements.

Mrs. Hawk was well loved for her sweet graciousness, her ability to preside with dignity and dispatch. The Club presented her with a basket of flowers and with her outgoing Board each carrying an old fashioned bouquet, they made a pretty picture as they retired.

Written by May Glover

1929--1930
Mrs. Mattie Peck, President

This was the year to go down in history as the Music Year. In opening the Club year, Mrs. Mattie Peck spoke her appreciation of the co-operation of the City Board with the Club Board and members in the past. Serving with her on the board were:

Mrs. Nellie Pickard	First Vice-President
Mrs. Eunice Verner	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Emily Parke	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Mae Angstad	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Fred Helm	Treasurer
Mrs. Marion Gramm	Program Chairman

Combined with the programs of fine music were many varied and outstanding travel talks, and plays entertaining and amusing, including a joint pageant with the Monrovia Club. A hand painted set of china, donated by Mrs. Cora Tracey, was presented to the member bringing in the largest number of new members. In October, our Club joined the General Federation in endorsing President Harding's original proposal for the accession of the United States to the World Court, by urging Senate ratification of new protocol when presented.

Miss Grace McCurdy was appointed to the District Federation on the conservation of wild life department. Federation visitors were the District President, Mrs. Howard U. Sherwood and Mrs. Charles E. McKelvy, First Vice-President. Mrs. Walter Henkle, well-known attorney, was presented by Mrs. Meade, Business and Protective Law Section. Mrs. Nellie White had charge of a District Conference at headquarters, giving a program on native plant life of California. In this year there were 14 department Chairmen.

Upon notice of the intention of remodeling the City Hall, definite plans for the necessity of finding a new Club home were set in motion. Gifts were sent to the County Farm, the disabled war veterans at Christmas time. $10.00 to the Boy Scout movement. The women again worked on the annual Red Cross Drive in Arcadia. Due to the fact that so much talent existed in the Club, there was much discussion for the forming of a Drama Section.

This year a carnival was planned in conjunction with the Flower Fete, this being the fourth anniversary of the Chrysanthemum Fete. Flowers, plants, garden gadgets were displayed both by members and the merchants of Arcadia and neighboring towns. Automobiles were displayed by Harold Harwood of Arcadia, Harry Nelson and Donald & O'Boyle of Monrovia. A bountiful dinner was served to a capacity crowd.

The final meeting was held at the Oakhurst home of Mrs. C. L. Williams, following a beautifully appointed and tasty luncheon. The year ended on a harmonious tone. "We sang with Mattie, all year through."

Written by May Glover

1930--1931
Mrs. Emma D. Meade, President

The Club year 1930-31 had for its President Mrs. Emma D. Meade. The club at that time was still meeting at the City Hall. Theme: "Let Us Build Together" was indeed appropriate as it was under Mrs. Meade's guiding hand that two lots were purchased, and the building of a new club house became a definite reality. Added to this, three new departments were added to the club's curriculum. Also, a large increase in membership was added to the many other achievements, all of which made it a banner year.

Assisting Mrs. Meade on the executive board were:

Mrs. Carl L. Randolph	Vice-President
Mrs. Dorothy Mansfield	2nd Vice-President
Mrs. Emily A. Parke	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Ethelyn Grobmeier	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Mattie B. Peck	Federation Secretary
Mrs. John Murfett	Treasurer
Mrs. Marion B. Gramm	Program Chairman

Standing Committees:

Ways and Means Committee--Mrs. Ella Byrne, Chairman.
Mrs. E. MacAngstad, Mrs. Mabel Ericsson
Social Committee---Mrs. Cora Tracy, Chairman.
Mrs. J. M. Walshe, Mrs. H. C. Wells
Membership Committee---Mrs. Ethelyn Grobmeier, Chairman.
Mrs. Madge Snodgrass, Mrs. Stella Brookover, Mrs. Hilda Stevenson
Door Committee---Mrs. Isabelle Evans, Chairman.
Mrs. C. W. Bower, Mrs. Fred Helm, Mrs. James A. Stoker, Mrs. John Hostutler, Mrs. S. V. Schermerhorn, Mrs. Mary H. Phinney
Decorations Committee---Mrs. Ellen A. Nelson, Chairman.
Mrs. W. W. Heaney, Mrs. George Sornborger
Press Committee---Mrs. Carl L. Randolph, Chairman.
Mrs. Edith Roberts, Mrs. Jessie Stewart
Courtesy Committee---Mrs. Margaret M. Johns, Chairman
Mrs. T. A. Grant, Mrs. Harry H. Pike, Mrs. John F. Sims, Mrs. W. B. Coleman.
Music Committee---Mrs. Ethel Watson, Director.
Mrs. Lola Trew, Mrs. Mattie B. Peck, Pianist.

Departments:	Chairmen
American Home	Mrs. E. M. Funk
Arts and Craft	Mrs. Edith Bartron
Bible	Mrs. Frank E. Grote
Business and Protective Law	Mrs. Emma D. Meade
Calif. History & Landmarks	Mrs. Helen Sparks
Co-operation with War Veterans Federation	Mrs. Stella Brookover
Extension	Mrs. Mattie B. Peck

Departments:	Chairman
Wild Flowers, Birds & Wild Life	Mrs. Grace McCurdy
Home Gardens	Mrs. C. C. Hoffman
Indian Welfare	Mrs. Nellie A. White
Legislation	Mrs. David H. Ray
Literature	Mrs. Edith Roberts
Music	Mrs. W. H. Coleman
Programs, Reciprocity, Information	Mrs. Marion B. Gramm
Public Health	Mrs. Florence Black
Public Welfare	Mrs. Nellie C. Pickard
Sections:	
Arts and Crafts Section	Mrs. Edith Bartron, Chairman
Business & Protective Law	Mrs. Emma D. Meade, Chairman
Literature Section	Mrs. Edith Bartron, Chairman
Bible Section	Mrs. Frank E. Grote, Chairman
Garden Section	Mrs. Grace McCurdy, Chairman

Department Chairmen in the earlier years were not chairmen of definite groups, but represented the Club in Federation. The sections as mentioned above were our departments as we know them today.

Organizational Progress

The Theme, "Let Us Build Together," as mentioned before. Three new sections were added this year--Literature, Arts and Crafts, and Bible.

Another very important item was that the club was incorporated. Motion was made by Mrs. Marion Gramm that the Club incorporate under the name of The Woman's Club of Arcadia. Motion carried. Mrs. Nellie Picard moved that the Article Two in the by-laws be adopted as reason and purpose of the Club as a non-profit corporation. Motion carried. Mrs. Mattie Peck moved that only active members could participate in the business and assets of the corporation. The motion carried.

Up to this time, the Executive Board included the following officers, President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Federation Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chairman, and three Directors elected from the floor. The new incorporations now read that the Executive Board consist of eleven officers; namely, President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Federation Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chairman, Senior Trustee, Junior Trustee, and Parliamentarian.

It was a happy occasion for the Club, when, at the regular meeting, Mrs. Meade proudly exhibited the incorporation papers signed by her and the Secretary, Mrs. Emily Parke. Mrs. Dee Payne was the Notary. An impressive ceremony was held when the articles of incorporation were signed.

Purchase of the two lots was the next item of business; namely, lots 1 and 2 in block 6L½ on First Ave., for the price of $1800.00. This is the present site of the club house. The deed to these lots was also proudly exhibited at the Nov. 19th meeting. First exterior sketch of the proposed club house was submitted at the January 7th, 1931, meeting and

plans were discussed with enthusiasm. The definite plans of the club house were on display March 18th, 1931, at the meeting, and were accepted unanimously.

In April, 1931, a motion was made by Mrs. Dan Rose to accept the bid of Mr. C. P. Cassady of $6375.00 to build the club house. This was the lowest bid submitted; the sealed bids were limited to Arcadia Contractors. The contract called for a building to be erected on the club site at First and Diamond, and to be of California architecture. The motion passed, and the Board of Directors was authorized to sign the contract.

The President, Mrs. Meade, then asked for approval to negotiate for a loan from the Bank of America amounting to $3500.00 at the rate of 6% interest. This was granted. It might be added here that it was at first voted to keep the cost of the building down to $4500.00, but this was amended to the $6375.00 price.

Ground breaking ceremony was held May 4, 1931. Invited were the councilmen, Chamber of Commerce, Editors of Newspapers. The Club President, Mrs. Meade, turned over the first shovelful of dirt, Mrs. Nell Schrader turned the next shovelful, as she was the first club member to make a deposit of $7.50 in the building fund, from a benefit given for that purpose, and then the Charter Members followed, then the Past Presidents, then each member of the Club gave her bit of individual assistance in excavation. "America" was sung, and the Salute to the Flag was given before the President turned over the shovel of dirt. This day marked an important day in the lives of the club women, as it ended a long endeavor to secure a suitable home site for their club home. The club house was to be erected within seventy-five days. It might be mentioned here that the Club House was set back from First Ave, so eventually an addition could be added with a larger auditorium.

Membership

A membership drive was held and thirty-six new members were added and forty-one reinstated.

By-Laws Revised

Civic

The Woman's Club of Arcadia took an active part in all civic affairs. As one of their projects, the Club under the chairmanship of Mrs. Glenn Watson put on the dinner at the celebration of the opening of the Ranch Roads, and the Colorado St. extension and Huntington Dr.

Federation

The Club was active in Federation, and the President, Mrs. Meade, attended all Presidents' Councils and conferences. Many of the Executive Board and members accompanied her; one time as many as nineteen attended a conference with her.

Philanthropy

Sponsored a table at a bridge tea given for the disabled war veterans, at the Biltmore. Gave cash to the County Farm. $10.00 to the Rotary Club for the Municipal Christmas Tree. $5.00 to the Chamber of

Commerce for the float in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena. Gave 25 Christmas baskets to the needy in Arcadia. Donated sugar, jellies, walnuts, candy, oranges to disabled war veterans. Made a small cash donation to furnish music at veterans' funerals. Gave to Red Cross and Boy Scouts.

Youth Program

Children were encouraged to enter exhibits in Flower Show. The President, Mrs. Meade, presented ribbons to the exhibitors, and new one dollar bills and fifty cent pieces to the various rooms at the First Avenue School for their display. There was also a gift of money to the Boy Scouts.

Religious Program

Had a Bible Section; that was a study group.

Ways and Means

Under the capable hands of the Ways and Means Chairman, Mrs. Ella Byrne, assisted by Mrs. E. May Anstad and Mrs. Mabel Ericsson, various events were given to raise money for the new club house. Money was raised in many ways, such as bridge parties, bridge teas, garden parties, dinners. The Minstrel Show was a big event. This was given at the First Avenue School. All performers were members of the Club, under the direction of Mrs. Ella Byrne. Mrs. Bertha Edwards was the interlocuter, Mrs. Glenn Watson and Mrs. Marion Gramm were in charge of the musical score. Tickets were fifty cents. The novel idea of this venture originated with Mrs. Ella Byrne. Every seat in the auditorium was sold. It is said the performance brought to light true comediennes whose talents in that direction had hitherto been unsuspected. Among those taking part were Mrs. Glenn Watson and Mrs. Marion Gramm, both of whom brought the house down at each of their appearances. Others were Mrs. Nell Schrader, Mrs. Alma Funk, Mrs. Eleanor Warner, Mrs. Emily Parke, Mrs. Martha Leain, Miss Virginia Stewart played a saxophone solo, and Miss Elizabeth Scheamerhorn played the cello. There was a solo tap dance. There was also chorus singing with Mrs. Peck leading, using her cane in lieu of a baton. Altogether it was a gala evening.

Another ways and means event was held each club day. A Home Building Ship was on the President's table, and it was used to hold the cargo of coins contributed by the members. The club members each club day would march by the ship, contributing their coins, to the tune of a march played by Mrs. Peck. One particular club day, the following song was sung:

Come, let us build together, together,
Come, let us build together,
A Club House some day,
And you'll work and I'll work,
And I'll work and you'll work,
And then we'll have a Club House some day.

Oh, can't you see the club house, the club house, the club house,
Oh, can't you see the club house with flowers and trees?
And you'll plant and I'll plant,
And I'll plant and you'll plant,
And we'll have a club house with flowers and trees.

Ways and Means Report:

$ 156.00	Bridge Breakfasts
15.00	Sale of Theater Tickets
68.00	Cash Donations
10.00	Sale of Cook Books
267.35	Minstrel Show

Sections

All Sections had their own ways and means affairs to finance their program. All Sections also put on a program for the club.

Garden

In the past the club sponsored what was called "The Chrysanthemum Fete." This year the executive board officially endorsed the plan of holding a flower show separate from the chrysanthemum fete to be sponsored by the Garden Section.

In August, 1930, a lawn party was held in the garden of Mrs. Harry Marshall, where plans were made for the year. The general idea was to have each member of this section take some part in the year's program. The section met in the homes of members during the year, except for one meeting which was held at the Library, in order to avail themselves of some books that they were studying. Among their programs, they had a talk on "Birds and Trees," "Night in a Garden," "Insects," "Architecture (Garden)", "Making Practical Use of a Garden," "California Wild Flowers", etc. The members also took many field excursions. The Fall Flower Show was held November 7th, and was very successful.

The members also studied a City Beautification plan, with Mrs. Nellie White as Chairman. She was also the Civic Chairman of the Garden Section. She presented little trees to all members at one meeting to stimulate interest in City Beautification. A Wisteria Fete was held in Mrs. Harry Pike's garden at 2119 Camino Real, March 28, 1931. Many people today do not know that this Wisteria Fete was an annual affair. Arts and Crafts, and the Book Section were also asked to participate in this Wisteria Fete. The Garden Section had twenty-one members at the end of the year. This Section also planted shrubbery on School House Grounds, and planted trees and grass between trees on Double Drive.

Bible Section

This section was a study group. They had meetings regularly and attended their monthly conferences.

Law Section

This Section also met at the homes of members. This, too, was a study group, and their objective for the year was to study laws. The textbook used was "Business and Protective Law for Women" by Mab Copeland Lineman. At the program of Jan. 6, 1931, this Section presented Mrs. Walter J. Henkel, Attorney, as the speaker. She was District Chairman of the Department. Members attended their monthly conferences at District.

Literature Section

This Section started with twenty members. They met in the Club

Rooms and had book reviews once a month. The members brought their sandwiches, made coffee at noon, and had their afternoon session at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Edith Roberts offered her services to this Section, at $10.00 per meeting, and gave that amount to the Club as her donation.

Arts and Crafts Section

This Section held a bridge luncheon July 23, 1930, at the home of R. D. Sparks, price fifty cents. The proceeds went into a fund to obtain an instructor for their regular meetings. A variety of work was taken up, such as china painting, basketry, hooked rugs, lampshades, etc. Mrs. Harry Andrews was engaged as teacher.

Other highlights of the year:

Club members held a cake baking contest in December. First prize went to Mrs. J. B. Horman. Second prize went to Mrs. Loraine Sornberger, Third prize to Mrs. Nell Schrader and the Fourth prize to the President, Mrs. Emma D. Meade. Mrs. Peck sliced her cake and sold it at 5¢ per slice.

Also, Christmas gifts were exchanged, community singing.

Press Book

The Club had the honor of winning the prize for the best press book in the District. Mrs. Carl Randolph was the Press Book Chairman and First Vice-President. The Press Book was on display at the District Convention in Long Beach, and also at the State Convention in Fresno. Four prizes were given to clubs entering books for exhibition, and the Woman's Club of Arcadia received the prize as the best one entered from a club in any City having a population from 5,000 to 10,000, at the State Convention. Articles in the Press Book were also compiled by Miss Grace McCurdy, Chairman Garden Section, and Mrs. Edith Roberts, Arcadia correspondent for the Star-News, and members of the Press Committee. Mrs. Carl Randolph received a leather portfolio from the District.

Written by Mrs. Caroline Ganther

1931--1932

Mrs. Emma D. Meade, President

In June, 1931, Mrs. Emma D. Meade was again chosen President for the coming year.

By this time, the foundation of the new Club House was in and work was started on the walls. All materials were placed on the grounds, and work was rushed, for an early completion. Many noteworthy things were accomplished under her first year as President, and the members were looking forward to the completion of the Club House and the organizing of its various affairs under her same kindly guidance. Assisting Mrs. Meade on the Executive Board were the following:

Mrs. Ethel Watson	First Vice-President
Mrs. Margaret Tester	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Anne Lockwood	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Katherine Fisher	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Elsie Murfett	Treasurer
Mrs. Mattie B. Peck	Program Chairman
Mrs. Ella M. Byrne	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Edith Roberts	Director
Mrs. Nellie G. Pickard	Director
Mrs. Nell G. Shrader	Director

Standing Committees:

Ways and Means---Mrs. Ella M. Byrne, Chairman.
Mrs. Florence Granville, Mrs. J. M. Hale

Social Committee---Mrs. Charles Warner, Chairman.
Mrs. Alice Osborn, Mrs. Bertha Thompson, Mrs. Clara S. Herkner, Mrs. Pauline Crader

Membership Committee---Mrs. Katherine Fisher, Chairman.
Mrs. Ethelyn Grobmeier, Mrs. E. W. Cline, Mrs. John E. Hostutler, Mrs. Florence Koons, Mrs. Stella Brookover

Decoration Committee---Mrs. Olive C. Hoffman, Chairman.
Mrs. Isabelle G. Evans, Mrs. Ina B. Millspaugh

Courtesy Committee---Mrs. John Sims, Chairman.
Mrs. Elizabeth McCrea, Mrs. Leona Stewart, Mrs. Helene Husley, Mrs. C. F. Noack, Miss Ethel B. Mathews

Press Committee---Mrs. Myra Wilkinson, Chairman.
Mrs. Edith Roberts, Miss Frances Eisfeller

Door Committee---Mrs. Carl Randolph, Chairman.
Mrs. Margaret M. Johns, Mrs. Sayonna Keefe

Pianist---Mrs. Mattie B. Peck

Song Leaders---Mrs. Lola Trew, Mrs. W. H. Coleman

Departments:	Chairmen
Crafts & Industries	Mrs. R. D. Sparks
Bible	Mrs. Harry H. Pike
Business & Protective Law	Mrs. Emma D. Meade
Co-operation with War Veterans	Mrs. Nellie Pickard

Departments:	Chairmen
Federation Extension	Mrs. Ella M. Byrne
Drama & Literature	Mrs. Marion B. Gramm
Home Gardens	Mrs. Harry Marshall
Motion Pictures	Mrs. Eleanor J. Warner
Music	Mrs. W. H. Coleman
Program & Reciprocity	Mrs. Mattie B. Peck
Public Welfare & Philanthropy	Mrs. T. A. Grant
Institutional Relations	Mrs. Nellie White
Wild Flowers, Birds, Wild Life	Mrs. Grace McCurdy

The summer of 1931 was a busy one. Selecting colors for the new Club House took a great deal of time and thought. Window shades had to be selected, chairs, etc., plan of the kitchen had to be discussed, walks, etc. The Club members were busy getting ready for the fall opening. The ladies at first wanted to lay the brick walk themselves to save expenses, the members discussed the idea of dispensing with the year book, but that, too, was vetoed. It is interesting to note that there are 2350 bricks in the walk.

But the Club House was finished, and July 31, 1931, will go down in the annals of the Club as its day of days. That was the day of the dedication of the new home of The Woman's Club of Arcadia.

In a brilliant premiere which included a reception to members and friends, the President, Mrs. Emma D. Meade, and her Executive Board received at the reception. A brief dedicatory ceremony was spoken by Mrs. Meade. Many District Officers were present, and neighboring clubs were represented. Congratulatory speeches were offered by Mrs. Charles McKelvey, District President, Mrs. A. Sidney Brown, District Recording Secretary, Mrs. William Fleet Palmer, President Monrovia Women's Club, Mrs. Von Weber, President Temple City Woman's Club, Mrs. T. A. Rogers of the Michillinda Woman's Club, and Mr. C. P. Cassady, Builder. The Club House was aglow with lights, and the throngs of well wishers expressed the greatest admiration of the lovely structure, which is the final complement to any home.

Many observations had been made at times as to the very obvious charm and sophistication of the Arcadia club women, but it remained for an occasion such as that to bring out all the latent social talent of these experienced women, who exhibited so proudly the results of their handiwork, and what was considered a stupendous undertaking considering the economic status at that time.

The Club husbands were well represented, too. Many baskets of flowers added a colorful note, many of them from business houses, organizations, and prominent citizens. The Garden Section added their exquisite offerings. A bevy of young ladies presided at the tea tables under the leadership of Mrs. Loraine Sornberger and Mrs. Lavada Heaney. Assisting were Misses Virginia Helm, Elizabeth Schermerhorn, Nettie Phelps, Ellen Hoagland, Theresa Schermerhorn, Ethel May Baily, and Patricia Sofanick.

Guests were invited to register in the beautiful Guest Book presented to the Club by Mrs. Margaret Tester. The Club's Press Book was displayed. The book is now the property of the Club and an authentic reference book for the past years activities. The wall of the auditorium was graced with a beautiful tapestry given by Mrs. Florence Granvill in memory of her husband. The drapes at the windows of the reception room and auditorium were the gifts of Mrs. L. R. Peck. Mrs. Henry Schwarzkopf gave a lovely punch ladle as a gift, and Mrs. Shovel thoughtfully provided a mirror for the dressing room. Other courtesies were shown the Club by business houses. Altogether this day was a big event in the History of the Club.

When the Club opened in the fall, all the luncheon chairmen had been appointed, and Mrs. Hugh Sanborn has the honor of being the first luncheon chairman, assisted by Mrs. Walter Graves, Mrs. Dan Rose, Mrs. John Renshaw, Mrs. Ann Segar, Mrs. Laura Helm, Mrs. Ethel Grobmeier, and Mrs. John Bottema. All Sections put on a program for the Club meetings.

The Sections and their Chairmen were:

Miss Grace McCurdy	Garden
Mrs. R. D. Sparks	Crafts & Industries
Mrs. Emma D. Meade	Business & Protective Law
Mrs. Harry H. Pike	Bible
Mrs. Edith Roberts	Literature--Book Reviews
Mrs. Marion B. Gramm	
Mrs. Carl Randolph	District Press Committee

Organization Progress

Although the Club House was finished as far as the building itself was concerned, many furnishings still were needed, grounds had to be planted, walks laid, etc. Funds were low, so the Ways and Means Committee had to get busy. Times were strenuous, too. A membership drive was held. The Club had a membership of 155 as of October 7, 1931.

At this time it was desirous to have a Junior Club. There were many expressions for and against, and after a vote was taken the matter was tabled for further study and investigation. Mrs. Mae S. Dunham was voted a life membership in April, 1932, for her outstanding services to the Club in serving as President four years---1922-23, 1925-26. By-laws were revised.

Federation

President Mrs. Meade was an honor guest at the April, 1932, Council for having attended every Presidents' Council and Conference. She was accompanied on this occasion by Mrs. Bertha Thompson, Mrs. Elsie Murfett, Mrs. Olive Hoffman, and Mrs. Roy Frederickson.

The Club held a Reciprocity Tea on October 21, 1931, in the new Club House. Twenty-five Clubs were represented. Also present were Mrs. Hudson, Vice-President of the District, Mrs. Austen, Federation Secretary, Mrs. Plath, Federation Treasurer, Mrs. Winsworth, Federation Auditor. This, too, was an outstanding day in the history of the Club. The program was presented by members of the Club. Mrs. Charles Stewart took her hearers on an imaginary journey around the Pacific Ocean. The stage was

artistically set with souvenirs from the various countries Mrs. Stewart had visited on her tour. Mrs. Stewart told of the lands, the people, and their customs. She was assisted in her presentation by Mrs. Ralph Sparks, Mrs. George Hutchinson, and Mrs. Edith Roberts, who were wearing costumes of the natives of the foreign lands. There were also musical numbers and piano solos.

Garden

Miss Grace McCurdy, Chairman. Met at members' homes. Some new features were started this year. Mrs. Marshall instructed the ladies in the proper pronunciation of names of the botanical world. There was a ten minute study each meeting. Mrs. Hoffman was expected each meeting to bring some interesting facts in connection with insects. Much merriment was caused one meeting when she brought a glass container with some honey bees, which she stated were at least like the women of the Club; namely, always busy.

Members were still active in the City Beautification. Roses were planted along the fence at Ross Field, now known as The County Park. Most of these rose bushes were donated by the Section. Twelve bushes were given by Mr. William Ramus of the Arcadia Nursery.

Flower Show was held November 6th. This year the plan was to make it a non-competitive affair; really a show to which anyone can bring their flowers and display them. The show was a success, and the members were gratified to know that so many women in the community were glad to bring their flowers and display them for the pleasure of others.

Plans were completed in February, 1932, for the planting of the Club House grounds. The Garden members, each one accompanied by her rake, trowel, bucket and lunch, met at the Club House and proceeded to plant the grounds, as nearly as possible to carry out the plans drawn by Mr. C. S. Hearn. However, the lawn was not put in at this time, but the grounds were plowed and harrowed, and wild flower seeds sowed.

Members held a spring garden fete March 9, 1932, at the home of Mrs. Harry Pike, under the immense wisteria vine and Belle of Portugal Rose. Celebrated its fifth birthday November 17, 1931. It originated under Mrs. Nellie White when she was President. This being Olympic Year, the members stressed beautifying the city for the Olympics. The garden section has been a valuable asset to the club, contributing toward the building and the piano. This particular year they presented the club with a garden hose.

Arts and Crafts

Mrs. Harry H. Pike, Chairman. Members met in the Club House and studied the Bible as literature in a non-sectarian way. An open forum discussion would be held, thereby opening broader avenues of exploration into the source of knowledge.

Law Section

Mrs. Emma D. Meade, Chairman. This was a study group, met in the homes of members. Mrs. Meade was the sole chairman for many years and she built up its interest successfully year by year, even though she was

busy with her many other duties. The section studied the fundamental laws that govern and affect the life of a woman.

Literature

Mrs. Marion B. Gramm, Chairman. Had book reviews at their meetings by Mrs. Edith Roberts, a member of the section. She was also asked to give a book review at the Azusa Woman's Club. The section also had a period of better speech. Members met in the Club House. They also gave tablets and chairs to the Club.

Drama Department

The Drama Department put on a play at Christmas time for members and families. The play was "My Aunt from Colorado." Mrs. Marion B. Gramm and Mrs. Edith Roberts were in charge. Refreshments were served, and members on the committee were Mrs. Bertha Thompson, Mrs. Charles Warren, Mrs. Alice Osborn and Mrs. Pauline Crader. The play was also given at the Whittier Heights Club. This was a return courtesy for the play the Whittier Heights Club put on for the Woman's Club of Arcadia.

Social Committee

The Social Committee reported that all the teas were served without expense to the Club, thereby aiding in the reserve of the Treasury.

Philanthropy

In spite of the fact that times were strenuous, and that the Club was short of funds, due to its indebtedness, the members did their share of helping the needy. Baskets were filled at Thanksgiving time and also at Christmas for the needy. A Bridge tea was given to raise money for the unemployed. At the Holiday Season, they decided not to make personal gifts among the club members, but instead hung a decorated kettle in the Club House for contributions for the unemployed and the County Farm. Mrs. Helen Grant was in charge of this project. The Red Cross was helped, and a cash donation was made to the Thrift Shop. The ladies also sold poppies on Poppy Day.

Programs

A word here about programs. It is interesting to note that many of the programs were given by the Club members. Mrs. Charles Stewart gave an interesting outline of her trip through the South Seas. At one meeting, the Arcadia Octette, composed of Mrs. Glenn Watson, Mrs. George Hutchinson and others, gave a program. Mrs. Lola Trew sang a group of songs at another meeting, Mrs. Peck playing her accompaniments. Mrs. George Black, another Club member, played a piano solo, for one of the programs.

Ways and Means

The Ways and Means Committee were active, of course, in order to raise some money to pay off the indebtedness. Following were some of the activities in this field:

Republican Club Dinner
Dinner for Dairymen's Ass'n
Money made on luncheons
Notary Rental
Bridge Parties once a month
Dancing Class
Rented out the tables
Dinner for Hardware Ass'n--35¢/plate
Still had the Home Building Ship
Rentals--Legion Auxiliary
Bridge Teas
Christian Science Church
Kitchen Kraft Luncheon at 25¢/plate

A play was given, "Corporal Eagen", at the First Avenue School. It boasted of a large cast of 150 Arcadians, mostly business men, clubwomen, and many pretty girls. It was given two nights and was a big success.

Ways and Means Yearly Report--Mrs. Ella M. Byrne, Chairman.

Chairs	$ 67.50	Dinners	$101.65
Play	37.22	Building Ship	31.75
Bridge Breakfast	18.00	Napkins	48.00
Bridge Parties	87.87	Luncheons	135.40
	Total----- $671.37		

The Executive Board also put on several benefit dinners. Headed by Mrs. Meade, volunteer members served the dinner to the Pasadena Natural Dealers Association, with Mrs. Grace Newhall as chairman. A Community get-together dinner was given in the fall with Mrs. Glenn Watson in charge.

Donations and Gifts from business houses and members: A new swing from the Arcadia Hardware; $10.00 toward the building from Mrs. Multer; Stove and installing same from the Gas Company; Mrs. Tester and Mrs. Shrader--a floor lamp; Mrs. School--a mirror in the dressing room; $200.00 toward curtains from Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Pickard; A tapestry from Mrs. Granville in memory of Mr. Granville; Mrs. Henry Schwarzkopf a silver punch ladle; Mrs. Margaret Tester an end table; Piano was loaned by Mrs. Shrader.

Mr. Hearn drew the plans for landscaping the grounds, and also gave two large tree roses. Cakes were donated at one of the meetings by the Daniels Bakers. Many of the chairs were bought by individual club members and given to the club. Their names are: Mesdames Nellie Shrader, Ethel Watson, Kathryn Fischer, Ella M. Byrne, Isabelle Evans, Anna B. Lockwood, Mary R. Moore, Florence Black, Mae L. Brown, Harry C. Marshall, Mattie B. Peck, Edith J. Bartron, Dr. Grace Cullen, E. M. Cline, Margaret Tester, Harriet Frye, Elsie Murfett, Mr. & Mrs. J. Granville, Mrs. John Bottema, John E. Hostutlar, D. L. Carmichael, W. H. Coleman. Those making $10.00 donations to the chair fund: Mesdames John Sims, Ethel Watson, Nellie Picard, Emma D. Meade, Emily A. Park, Helen Lewis, Eva Falconer; Mrs. Bertha Thompson, $6.00; and Mrs. C. C. Hoffman, $2.00.

The garden section gave $10.00 toward the Club House grounds. Mrs. Schwarzkopf brought two guests to one meeting and they each gave $1.00 toward the building fund. A Mrs. Emma Sieler and Mrs. Lena Nagel. Two men gave a half day's work on grounds. Mr. Bottema gave fertilizer and also removed rocks from the grounds. Mrs. Sherman Hoyt, Garden Chairman of Pasadena, gave wild flower seeds. Many other courtesies were extended. A table and chair from the Literature Section was given to the Club.

The Club had many new innovations--one being Annual Roll Call. As their names were called, each member was asked to respond with a verse or name of her particular loved book or musical composition.

So that mothers with small children could come to Club, permission was asked of the First Avenue School for the use of a room. This was granted and the mothers took turns taking care of the children between

the hours of two and four, so the rest could attend Club. Mrs. Larsen and Mrs. Bottema also offered to bring any member who had no transportation, if they would call them.

House and Grounds

Besides the furnishings that were bought, when Club House was finished, a new carpet and pad was bought for the reception room and paid for by Bridge teas.

Mrs. Meade retired after two very successful administrations, and left our lovely Club as a lasting monument to her capable leadership. In closing her administration, she had the gratification of seeing an increased membership in the Club, especially notable at a time when so many clubs were losing members. A lovely tribute was paid her by Mrs. Glenn Watson at the end of the Club Year.

The Club received much publicity through its building program. Mrs. Meade received a letter from the Nashville, Tenn., Woman's Club complimenting Arcadia Woman's Club on its fine new building, and asking suggestions in regard to financing the Nashville Club. The letter was forthcoming following an item in the General Federation "Club Woman", official magazine of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, about the Arcadia Woman's Club Building. $500.00 was paid off on the mortgage during the year.

Programs at the meetings were instructive and helpful. The opening program on Oct. 7th was outstanding. Georgia Stark, Coloratura Soprano, Lillie Fagge, violinist, Mattie Peck, accompanist, brought a wealth of delightful music to the Club.

October 21st, the Club's own members, the Arcadia Club Octette, and Jessie Stewart in a Travelogue, were outstanding. For the Nov. 4th meeting, a musical prelude by Eleanor Nichols, soprano, preceded the afternoon lecture by Edna Lowe Reed: "Hurry, Worry, Flurry" versus "Poise and Efficiency."

The fourth meeting featured Erwen Feeblekorn, tenor. The speaker Mrs. J. S. Trewhella, District Chairman, spoke on Institutional Relations and Philanthropy. The December 2nd session was by the courtesy of the Arcadia Rotary Club, Mr. E. K. Kingston presiding. The Rotary members were seated at a long table down the center of the auditorium, decorated with the flags of all nations. Miss Eleanor Miller, Assemblywoman of the 53rd District gave a comprehensive review of many vital matters in the State, national and international affairs. Club husbands were honor guests at the evening session of the Club on December 18.

The New Year opened on January 6th in a program sponsored by the Law Section, Mrs. Emma D. Meade, Chairman. Mrs. Grace Demster, prominent attorney from Los Angeles, was the speaker and reviewed those laws of particular interest to women. A musical program arranged by Mattie Peck presented Mrs. James Rolland, soprano, accompanied by Mrs. Homer Mead of Monrovia.

Continuing the Club's interest in the schools, January 20th meeting featured the High School Group in vocal music under the direction of Mr. LeRoy Fager, and Mrs. Frances Potts in a program of piano solos. Also, at this meeting, Mrs. Albert Sherman Hoyt, State Chairman of the Olympic Beautification Committee, spoke. Her appearance was enjoyable and unexpected as it had not been previously announced. She asked all members to plant flowers and shrubs, so that Los Angeles and environs would "blossom like a rose" for that world-heralded occasion. She left 300 packages of wild flower seed with the President to be distributed to the Club members. It will be remembered that Mrs. Hoyt transported the cacti and desert flower exhibit to London for the Horticultural Society of Pasadena.

"Romance of the Ranchos", depicting the early land grants, was the subject of Mr. E. Palmer Connor, of the Little Insurance Co. of Los Angeles. He revealed pleasant vistas of the early days of early California, and much interesting data regarding these large estates under the regime of the Spanish Crown. The musical prelude was given by Mrs. Lola Trew, vocalist. She included a group of songs by Cadman and Rasbach. For an encore, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" by Saint Saens, was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Peck accompanied Mrs. Trew.

February 17th program, directed by Mrs. Marion Gramm and Edith Roberts. In an exchange of programs, the North Whittier Heights Club featured a play and musical program. At this meeting, the annual Roll Call was made, each member responding with the name of a book, a quotation, or a bit of music, which she especially enjoyed.

March 2nd program was outstanding. The sons and daughters of the Club Women ranging in age from 4 to 24 years. There was singing, dancing and a play. Those in the dance numbers: Donna A. Douglas, Louise Bottema, Jimmie Cormos, Junior Pope, Louise Evans. Marilyn Heidenrich gave readings, Dorothy Pfeiffer a cello solo, Gladys Hoffman a saxophone selection, Virginia Helm vocal selections, George Black piano solos, Ellsworth Heidenrich violin. Members of the play: Jimmy Glasse, Jack Glasse, Dicky Sorenborger, Elsa Mae Schermerhorn, Betty Dorsey, and Lowell Hopper.

A return courtesy program was given by the Club for the Rotarians, held at Proctor's Tavern. The speaker, Mrs. Leland Atherton Irish. The Azusa Rotary was also present. Mrs. Meade presided. Music was furnished by the Arcadia Octette, Mesdames Deo Lien, George Hutchinson, Ferd. Gram, Glenn Watson, Charles Stewart, Morris Trew, W. H. Coleman, Harold Johns, Mrs. Lawrence Peck, Accompanist.

Major L. Lewis, president of the Golden State Military Academy, Puente, gave a most forceful address to the Club on March 16th. The Woman's Club of Downey presented a courtesy program on April 6th. April 20th, a lovely program was given by the Garden section. Miss Grace McCurdy, Chairman. Mrs. Edwin S. Fuller, State Chairman of Conservation was the featured speaker, and Mrs. George Andrews gave a humorous reading of a humble garden vegetable.

May 4th program was musical given by the Chaminade Lyric Club under the direction of Frederick Vance Evans; featured soloists were Miss

Margaret Rogers and Miss Gretchen Mae Evans. Accompanist Mattie Peck. This was one of the highlights of the year's programs. Election of officers was held. Mrs. Glen Watson, who was nominated for President, withdrew, and Marion Pike was elected President.

The final meeting of the Club was held on June 2nd, in the evening. Husbands and friends were guests. A music program was given and installation of officers took place.

Written by Mrs. Caroline Ganther

1932--1933
Mrs. Harry H. Pike, President

In June of 1932, Mrs. Harry H. Pike assumed the duties of the President. This was a depression year and it took real courage, hard work and the loyal cooperation of every member of the Club to meet payments on the mortgage, add needed equipment and keep the Club solvent in such times. Mrs. Pike, in her brief talk after the installation, said she had no immediate plans for the year, but hoped it would be full of joy and happiness.

The following officers were installed with Mrs. Pike:

Mrs. Emily A. Parke	First Vice-President
Mrs. Margaret Tester	Second Vice-President
Mrs. W. E. Lockwood	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Katherine Fischer	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Emma D. Meade	Federation Secretary
Mrs. John E. Hostutler	Treasurer
Mrs. Viola Andrews	Program Chairman
Mrs. Nellie C. Pickard	Director
Mrs. Nellie Schrader	Director
Mrs. Carl Randolph	Director

Standing Committees:

Press---Mrs. Myra Wilkinson, Chairman.
Mrs. David Ray, Mrs. Carl Randolph
Bulletin---Mrs. Edith Roberts, Chairman.
Ways and Means---Mrs. Marion Willey, Chairman.
Mrs. Marion Gramm, Mrs. Hattye Douglas, Mrs. E. W. Cline, Mrs. Charles Warner, Mrs. J. E. Hostutler
Membership---Mrs. Katherine Fischer, Chairman.
Mrs. Alice Osborn, Mrs. John J. Bottema, Mrs. Mabel Ericsson, Mrs. W. H. Nesbit.
Social---Mrs. John Murfett, Chairman.
Mrs. H. M. Sanborn, Mrs. Jack Wilson, Mrs. J. M. Hale, Mrs. Roy Frederickson, Mrs. E. M. Angstad, Mrs. Ethel M. DeGaw.
Welfare---Mrs. Olive C. Hoffman, Chairman.
Mrs. Florence Granville, Mrs. Ella Baughman, Mrs. Henry Schwarzkopf.
Music---Mrs. Jessie Stewart, Chairman.
Mrs. Mattie B. Peck, Mrs. Harold Johns, Mrs. W. H. Coleman, Mrs. Ethel Watson, Mrs. H. L. Bowers
Courtesy---Mrs. Isabell Evans, Chairman.
Mrs. H. J. Willot, Mrs. J. A. Renshaw, Mrs. Marienne Wisniewski, Mrs. Lina Woodmansee
Decoration---Mrs. C. F. Noack, Chairman.
Mrs. Pauline Crader, Mrs. Florence Black, Miss Grace McCurdy, Mrs. Harriet Bone, Mrs. B. J. Ferranti, Mrs. Jennie Smith
Door---Mrs. Evaline Pike, Chairman.
Mrs. Anne Segar, Mrs. Osa Cassady, Mrs. S. V. Schermerhorn, Mrs. Mary Gilbank

Departments:	Chairmen
Crafts & Industries	Mrs. Ralph Sparks
Bible	Mrs. Viola Andrews
Bulletin	Mrs. Edith Roberts
Business & Protective Law	Mrs. Emma D. Meade
Co-operation with War Veterans	Mrs. E. M. Norris
Conservation of Wild Life	Miss Grace McCurdy
Federation Extension	Mrs. Emma D. Meade
Home Gardens	Mrs. John Murfett
Indian Welfare	Mrs. Nellie White
Literature	Mrs. Ferdinand Gramm
Music	Mrs. Jessie O. Stewart
Motion Pictures	Miss Ethel B. Mathews
Press & Radio	Mrs. David H. Ray
Public Welfare & Philanthropy	Mrs. Olive Hoffman
Bridge	Mrs. Charlotte Larsen

Section Chairmen:	
Garden Section	Mrs. John F. Simms
Literature Section	Mrs. Ferdinand Gramm
Crafts & Industries Section	Mrs. Ralph Sparks
Business & Protective Law Section	Mrs. Emma D. Meade
Bible Section	Mrs. Viola Andrews
Music Section	Mrs. Jessie O. Stewart

Organization Progress

At the first meeting of the year, Mrs. Pike suggested as the Club slogan "Constructive Optimism," but said this would be idle motion unless it involved putting work behind the idea.

The By-Laws were revised during the year. At the first meeting of the year the Club voted to sustain the action of the Board and permit members who had been delinquent more than two years to be re-instated without initiation fee. Members were also allowed to pay dues in one dollar installments. Eighteen new members were added to the roster. A sewing unit was organized. Mrs. Floyd Tester took charge of this. Mrs. Anne Lockwood resigned as Secretary, and Mrs. Sara Ray was elected.

Federation

On Oct. 19, the Club celebrated Reciprocity Day. Present from District were Mrs. Grace Hudson, Vice-President, and other officers included Mrs. Gysen, Mrs. Dibble, and Mrs. Caldwell. The following Clubs were represented: Highland Park, Baldwin Park, Covina, Burbank, El Monte, Garvey, San Gabriel, Sierra Madre, Wilmar, Los Angeles, Pasadena Shakespeare, Rosemead, Temple City, Glendora, and California Women of the Golden West. Following a Japanese Program, girls in Native costume served tea and cakes.

Mrs. Pike was 100% in attendance at Councils and Conferences. She also talked over the radio on the "Federation Radio Hour." The Garden Section was hostess to the District Garden Conference in January. The District Convention this year was held in Santa Maria, and the 33rd Annual State Convention was held in Riverside.

House and Grounds

Grounds were spaded and plowed. The Bridge department provided top soil. Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Watson also donated some top soil. A divan and carpet sweeper were purchased for the Club House, also some pillows and a table cover. The Davenport was made possible by the Bridge parties during the summer. Some of the Club women did the dusting in the Club. Help was hired for three consecutive hours on Saturday, at the wage of $1.00; on Wednesdays rate of 50¢ per hour.

Philanthropy

The Welfare collected $165.00 for their work for the year. Mrs. Pike, President, took charge of the welfare, with the assistance of ten helpers. A small sum was pledged each month to the Welfare Thrift Shop instead of the Philanthropy Chairmen handling the actual work. A sewing unit was organized to assist in Welfare work. Members were invited to participate in the Woman's Division of the N.R.A. Miss Hilda Gray, local Secretary of Sales Tax Stamps, in Arcadia, spoke before the Club on the advantages of the sale of tax stamps, both to consumer and dealer. Tenants of the Club were asking for reduction in rental.

The Club responded to the call for assistance for the victims and sufferers of the disastrous flood in La Crescenta and Montrose on New Year's eve. Mrs. Isabelle Evans took the generous donations of clothing and money over to the sufferers. The President of the La Crescenta Club thanked all the Clubs for their assistance.

Civic Welfare

The Club voted to oppose vigorously the passage of the "Breed Bill", which sought to curtail the State School Budget. Also spoke of the need of legislative curb on indiscriminative prison parole, and the need of licensed public health centers.

Garden Section

The Garden Section was hostess in January to the District Garden Conference, put on a Spring Flower Show, and contributed $5.00 toward the incinerator. Also presented green flower containers to the Club. Put on a Club Program.

Literature Section

Their membership was increased, and they put on a Club Program.

Crafts and Industries

This section had been placed under the adult education in schools, and so had enjoyed additional advantages.

Business and Protective Law

Worthwhile programs were given during the year to those interested in this section.

Press Book

The Press again received honorable mention at the District Convention. The Arcadia Club was one of three to receive this honor.

Programs

This Committee reported a total of $24.00 had been spent on programs. Many were again put on by the members. One especially beautiful one, presented at Christmas time, in charge of Miss McCurdy. It told the history of Christmas in readings and illustrated in tableaux from the first Christmas to the present day, with the carols being sung by the choristers carrying lighted candles. Heirlooms of members were exhibited at one meeti

Ways and Means

Projects and social events were given to raise money for the maintenance of the Club House: Hallowe'en Dance; Dinners; Bridge Parties (Donations of pies, cakes were made for these parties); Valentine Dance in costume; Cub Luncheons, open to the public on the first Wednesday at 35¢ per plate; Orders were taken for fruit cake. A Bridge party was given, the proceeds of which were used to send the President to the State Convention.

Special Events

A Pasadena photographer offered to take photographs of Club Presidents and present them to the Club as a means of advertising. March 1st was observed as "Homecoming Day." Former members invited. Mrs. Parker conducted a candle lighting ceremony honoring the four charter members who had passed away. Press Day was observed May 3rd, at which time many newspaper representatives were honored guests.

On June 10th, the Club had a picnic lunch at its final meeting. This was followed by the installation of the new officers.

Written by Caroline Ganther

1933--1934
Mrs. Harry H. Pike, President

Mrs. Pike entered her second year as president of the Arcadia Women's Club in 1933. Even though there was still a depression, Mrs. Pike planned, with some hard work, the rehabilitation of the grounds as her main project. A sprinkling system and a fine lawn was on the agenda. Mrs. Pike had been an active member of the Club for five years. She was also Vice-Chairman of District Federation on Conservation.

Programs

This being the depression period, many of the programs were put on by Club members, and the Club had plenty of good talent. Among Club members taking part were Mrs. Lola Trew, soprano, Ellsworth and Marilyn Heidenreich, Robert Black, Mrs. Edith Roberts, book reviewer and a member of the Club, Mrs. Jessie Stewart, travel talk on Canada, Mrs. Mattie Peck, Mrs. Ethel Watson, and others. $50.00 was allowed for paid programs for the year.

The officers that served with Mrs. Pike on the Executive Board were:

Mrs. Charles Segar	First Vice-President
Mrs. Marion Gramm	Second Vice-President
Mrs. David H. Ray	Recording Secretary
Miss Grace McCurdy	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. John Hostutler	Treasurer
Mrs. Mattie Peck	Program Chairman
Mrs. Nellie Pickard	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Floyd Tester	Director
Mrs. Carl Randolph	Director
Mrs. Nell Shrader	Director

Departments:	Chairmen
Crafts & Industry	Mrs. Floyd Tester
Parliamentary Law	Mrs. Nellie Pickard
Conservation	Miss Grace McCurdy
International Interests	Mrs. Jessie O. Stewart
Home and Garden	Mrs. John Sims
Moving Pictures	Mrs. David H. Ray
Welfare & Philanthropy	Mrs. Ella Baughman
Co-operation with War Veterans	Mrs. Walter Lockwood
Literature	Mrs. George Dimitry
Music	Mrs. Marion Gramm
Federation Chairman	Mrs. Nellie White

Bridge Chairman---2 club members who were appointed each month.

Chairmen of Standing Committees:

Mrs. Charles Willey, Ways & Means; Mrs. James Brown, Social; Miss Grace McCurdy, Membership; Mrs. Ella Baughman, Welfare; Mrs. David H. Ray, Press; Mrs. Marion Gramm, Music; Mrs. Richard Evans, Courtesy; Mrs. C. F. Noack, Decorations; Mrs. A. Parker, Door; Mrs. Ralph Sparks, Nature Study.

Luncheon Chairmen for the year:
Mrs. Ann Segar, Mrs. Floyd Tester, Mrs. Ella Baughman, Mrs. Charlotte Larsen, Mrs. John Murfett, Mrs. Elma Koors, Mrs. Stella Brookover, Mrs. Mattie B. Peck.

Organization Progress

As a new feature for the Club, the President worked on the formation of a Home Economics Department. Plans were also made for a Bible Section. As mentioned before, these being depression years, many members left, being unable to pay their dues, but due to the fine spirit of all, the Club was able to keep out of the red. The mortgage needed renewal but due to the Moratorium at the time, the Club was told by the bank it would not have to be refinanced at this time.

To save expenses, it was decided to supplant the year book with a bulletin, to be issued every three months. By-Laws were revised. Membership Chairman urged every club member to invite a neighbor to join. Mrs. Ray resigned as Secretary in January, and Mrs. Fanny Needham was elected. Members were re-instated by omitting iniation fees.

Federation

Mrs. Pike was 100% in attendance at Presidents Councils and Conferences. Several Club members were asked to be on District Board. Mrs. Tester on the "Arts and Crafts" and Mrs. Sparks as a Chairman in one of the Departments. The membership of the Club was invited to go to the Whittier Club to help entertain the State President, Miss Josephine Seaman. As the Arcadia Club met on the same day, they closed their meeting at 2:00 P.M. A resolution regarding Animal Welfare was supported.

Building and Grounds

Women had clean-up day before Club opening. Members were asked to bring sandwiches, hot coffee was served at noon, and be prepared to clean up the Club House. Grounds were leveled and plowed. New incinerator was added with the help of the Garden Section. Floors and furnace were fixed and a new molding was put on walls, chair height.

The President said she had hoped to leave a monument to her two years in office of a lawn or shrubbery, but since this was impossible due to strenuous times, she was determined to have an incinerator. So, she asked the Club members to each donate at least one stone for that purpose. Also, new coffee pitchers and other kitchen needs were added to the kitchen. Fifty new song books were purchased. A new sign was painted and hung on the Club House before the Olympic Games.

Civic Welfare

A letter was written to City Council asking them to appoint a City Matron for Arcadia. Homecoming Day--invitations were sent to former Club members, friends and neighbors. Mr. Eberly, President of the Rotary Club, asked the cooperation of the Woman's Club in giving a civic award for the most outstanding civic work in Arcadia for the coming year. The Chamber of Commerce also helped in this project. Due to the Earthquake of March 10, the Arcadia Grammar School was going to abandon its graduation exercises, on account of the condition of the building, so the Woman's Club offered their building for the exercises without charge.

Garden Section

Flower Show, November 14th. Had a tea room and a candy booth at show. Made field trips to Kellog Ranch in Pomona. Put on a Club program. Helped with the building of the incinerator.

Law Section

Presented their Club program on May 17, 1934. The address was given by Mr. J. H. Randless; his subject "How Much Are You Worth?" Dividing adult responsibility into four divisions--Home, School, Church, and State. A delightful musical program preceded the talk: Miss Emily Urban, violinist, and Miss Kathryn Pittenger, vocalist and pianist. This was the Club's birthday and as a surprise feature, the Law Department bought a beautiful cake, alight with candles. It was made by Mesdames Coons, Multer and Springstead.

Arts & Crafts

Put on a Club program. The Chairman was asked to be on the District Board of Arts & Crafts and she accepted.

Federation Chairman

Sponsored a card party, proceeds were used for subscriptions to the Federation News. Admission 25¢ per player.

Ways and Means

Among the Ways and Means Projects were: Summer Garden Parties, Spring Garden Party. Money made on Luncheons (The Club luncheons were open to the public at 35¢ per plate. Only one luncheon meeting a month; the other meeting was a dessert and coffee, charge 15¢. Dinners for different organizations. A family dinner was given for families and friends. A baby show was held the early part of November. Three hundred babies were judged, and prizes were given. Registration fee was 50¢. Five hundred tickets were given by the Graves Drug Store, which were good for 5 cents on any purchase in the store, the Club deriving half of the profits of the sale.

Philanthropy

Notwithstanding the strenuous times, the Club helped with Welfare work. Eighty baskets were filled at Christmas time. $5.00 was given toward the Municipal Christmas Tree, $5.00 toward the flood sufferers in Montrose, also clothing from the different members.

Written by Caroline Ganther

1934--1935

Mrs. Charles W. Stewart, President

"Homecoming" was the theme inaugarating the twentieth season of the Arcadia Woman's Club. Thirty-five reinstated and new members were welcomed into the club by the president, executive board and other members totaling one hundred and more.

Objectives set forth for the year by the president were to:

1. Double the membership.
2. Replenish the depleted treasury.
3. Reduce indebtedness on the clubhouse.
4. Start a fund for the addition of a sun room and storeroom on the east side of the clubhouse.

For the Homecoming day, Ellen Beach Yaw, "Lark Ellen", was the soloist, and Mrs. Louise Ward Watkins, a big name in County club and civic groups, was the dynamic speaker for the opening luncheon meeting. The capacity attendance and enthusiasm shown that day was a strong impetus that swung the club work into full speed for the entire year.

Two competing captains had been selected during the summer, and prizes offered to the one responsible for the largest numbers present at this first meeting. Each captain had been so successful in her efforts that the president awarded a prize to each captain.

Officers elected to serve this year were:

Mrs. Jessie Stewart	President
Mrs. Ella Byrne	First Vice-President
Mrs. Marian Gramm	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Fannie Needham	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Laura Hostutler	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. May Glover	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Nettie Noack	Treasurer
Mrs. Margaret Johns	Program Chairman
Mrs. Maye Dunham	Historian
Mrs. Nellie White	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Margaret Tester	Director
Mrs. Bertha Larsh	Director
Mrs. Emma Meade	Director

Arts and Crafts

Mrs. Margaret Tester, who attended all Federation meetings of her department, brought helpful reports to club and section and new ideas for craft work, displays, club exhibits and speakers.

Business & Protective Law and Legislation

Mrs. Emma Meade reactivated this department. She brought to the Club important information on laws and legislation affecting women, and supplied a program and speaker for a club day.

California History and Landmarks

A newly organized section with Emilie Timmerhoff, chairman. She organized this new section, followed the federation outline of historic research, led pilgrimages to landmarks of Southern California, and sought endorsement of the federation efforts to perpetuate the historical Olvera Street Mexican Art Center in Los Angeles. The section arranged a club program which was a gay California Day observance.

Conservation of Wild Life

Mrs. Marian Pike, an authority on bird life, organized this new section to make a study of the need to conserve bird life, set aside bird sanctuaries and otherwise protect bird life in California. Early morning walks with field glasses were interesting events of the section members.

Garden Section

Miss Grace McCurdy, Chairman. This was an active group of garden devotees with one prime object for the year--to beautify club grounds and induce beautification throughout the city. All-day work sessions found the women and a few husbands, with garden tools, industriously weeding, leveling the unimproved front yard, preparatory to placing walks, planting lawn and installing a sprinkling system.

For a first, quick effect, to relieve the barrenness, the club women planted a profusion of gay petunias in the entire parkway. It was thought that petunias would best survive the summer with a minimum of care and water, and yet add a bit of color and beauty to the place. The rear garden grill was constructed with boulders hauled from Santa Anita Canyon by club husbands, and cement solicited from several generous persons. Club husbands had a big share in these laborious tasks, but the days were enjoyed in picnic lunch fashipn with good food and fellowship.

Plant exchange and study at the Garden Section meetings, illustrated lectures, visits to famed gardens and exhibits, were among the year's helpful programs.

The annual Community Flower Show by the entire club with the Garden section members was expanded to include greater variety of exhibits in flowers, plants and vegetables in unique arrangements by local and neighboring individuals and nurseries and garden clubs. As always, it was open freely for all to attend, exhibit and enjoy. Most arcadians boasted large crops of fruits and vegetables on their suburban acreage homesites, and displayed a profusion of products from the best of crops.

Literature Section

Mrs. Grace Dimitry, Chairman. Offered morning book reviews and current event speakers once a month, open to club women and any others for a small fee. These were well attended and self sustaining.

Physical Culture Section

A new venture. Mrs. Ruth Harpole, experienced in that subject, put the women, garbed in gym suits and keds, through weekly one hour exercises to the tunes of lively music in the clubhouse. This group demonstrated their improved agility and rhythmic exercises at one club meeting, much to the amusement of all present--especially to the gentleman luncheon speaker, principal of the adult dept. of education, who, though amused, approved.

Committees selected were:	Chairmen
Ways & Means	Mrs. Marian Willey
Press	Mrs. Lulu Randolph
Membership	Mrs. Ina Millspaugh
Civic Welfare	Mrs. Mona Christie
Social	Mrs. Ella Byrne
Courtesy	Mrs. Viola Andrews
Door	Mrs. Ida Parker
Decorations	Mrs. Babs Corby
Music	Mrs. Adele Nesbitt
House	Mrs. Marian Gramm
Motion Pictures	Mrs. Zelpha Gillette

All of these were highly successful in following their assignments. Special recognition must be given for the round of accomplishments of Mrs. Willey and her associates, Mrs. Laura Hostutler, Mrs. Estelle Murphy, Mrs. Juliet Renshaw and Mrs. Bessie Sanborn.

Day and evening garden parties, with cards, music and contests; the Martha Washington costume dancing party; the Hallowe'en dance, with serpentine march, confetti and noisemakers, were all well supported affairs.

The entire club membership was alphabetically arranged in groups that gave a series of highly successful social benefits of variety and originality during the year. These added substantially to that desired clubhouse addition fund. There was keen competition among the leaders to win the prizes offered the leader for the most successful party given.

Press---Mrs. Lulu Randolph was an ex-officio member of the club executive board meetings and wrote all club publicity. Miss Frances Eisfeller was newspaper representative. Mrs. Charlotte Link compiled and hand decorated the press book.

Membership---Mrs. Ina Millspaugh and committee more than doubled membership within six months, exceeding the goal set at the opening of the club year.

Civic Welfare---Mrs. Mona Christie and committee were the club's contact representatives in all civic meetings in Arcadia.

Social---Mrs. Ella Byrne, chairman; Isabel Evans, May Glover, Nell Shrader, Francis David, Elizabeth Ingram, Mae Angstad, Betty Warner, were especially active assisting at teas and club meetings. Their big venture that year was the kitchen shower, cleverly combined with the "manless wedding" in which sixteen club women, in wedding gowns, tuxedos and moustaches, took part, amid flowers, music, tears and ceremony. The wedding gifts proved to be needed articles for clubhouse-keeping.

Courtesy---Mrs. Viola Andrews, Mrs. Fannie Needham, Lena Multer, Ann Lockwood, Dr. Grace Cullen, Miss Emily Faulkner.

Door---Mrs. Ida Parker, a charter member, with assistants, were faithful in all details.

Decorations---Mrs. Babs Corby and eight assistants arranged many elaborate stage, room and table decorations for all club occasions.

Music---Adele Nesbitt and six committee members brought several musical programs to the club and arranged club singing features.

House---Mrs. Marian Gramm checked in and out any club equipment when borrowed by other city organizations, as often happened, and otherwise looked after all club possessions. It was her responsibility to lock the clubhouse and be responsible for the keys.

Motion Pictures---Mrs. Zelpha Gillette and Mrs. Sarah Ray attended Federation conferences and previews and reported to the club as to pictures of value to children, adults and family. "Arcadia Night" at the Gillette Arcadia Theatre was a substantial financial benefit to the club which received a percent of the door receipts.

Among the innovations in club affairs this year was the appointment of Marie Chambers, who was delegated to attend Chamber of Commerce meetings, thus serve as the club's contact between the two organizations. The Woman's Club held a paid membership in the Chamber that year.

For the benefit of local businessmen and club husbands, a special luncheon table was set each club day, where the men were served without delay and invited to remain for the luncheon program. The fellowship and good food attracted a full table each meeting.

In response to a request, a "Mutual Help" table was placed in the rear of the room at each meeting, in charge of an appointed chairman. Here, club women could bring, exchange or buy articles of their handwork, their garden products, magazines, books or what not. It became a source of interest and benefit to many club women.

Improvements and additions to the interior of the clubhouse this year were the purchase of twenty new Sampson card tables, also the easy rolling "Bus Boy" serving table, which was a new idea that helped the women in serving and removing luncheon dishes. The cost of the ample luncheons was 35¢, with always a small profit to the club.

New table silver of knives, forks and spoons, were purchased. Stage screens were decorated and recovered. There were no back drop curtains on the stage so screens were often needed. Clubhouse floors were refinished. New draperies were placed on the windows and French doors of the auditorium. An overfloor of hardwood was laid on the stage floor. A smoother floor was imperative for any dancers. Heavy ball bearing rollers were purchased and installed on the new grand piano.

The outside improvements included the weeding, leveling of front yard, sprinkling system installed at a cost of $133.00 plus $50.00 for the parkway. Later a lawn was started at a cost of $50.00, with much planning and careful price consideration on the part of Mrs. Ida Parker, yard chairman for that year. Mr. Fred White, Mr. A. L. Parker, George Needham and other club husbands aided in the needed improvements of the grounds. Mrs. Parker, Mr. White, Mrs. Byrne and others completed the yard project by placing stepping stones from the entrance to the street.

Before the grass period, the garden section planted a profusion of petunias in the parkway to relieve the barrenness. The rose bushes were selected and planted by Mrs. Parker, whose own choice rose garden had long been admired.

As a means toward the realization of the president's dream of a solarium and much needed storage room to be added on the east of the auditorium, a special fund was set up to which several loyal members made contributions of $25.00 each and for which the "Ship of Fortune" was instituted. The skipper, in gold button jacket and white cap, was Marie Chambers, who allowed club members to make their contributions to the miniature ship to the tune of marching music at each club meeting. This fund grew and at the year's end was turned in to the general treasury.

The three evening club affairs that attracted large attendance were the Martha Washington Costume entertainment and dance and the Hallowe'en costume party. "Escort's Night" was an innovation when club members in formals and their escorts in tuxedos enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with entertainment of humorous speeches. A musical travelogue, entitled, "Lost Abroad," was presented by the Oliver Duo, of Los Angeles.

During the year the club programs included a wide range of subjects including motion pictures and lecture on Mexico; Wild Life Illustrated; Nature Wonders in pictures and lecture; Tehachapi Woman's Prison; oriental rugs exhibit and lecture--all by persons of note in their field.

All city councilmen, employees and civic club heads, were honored luncheon guests of the club to hear the speaker, Judge Thomas Gould, of the Superior Court. The men furnished the musical program that day.

Local nurserymen, city nursery joined forces with Mrs. Nellie White and club in propogating and distributing the flowering peach trees throughout the city. Club members planted the seed also for future beautification.

The Christmas meeting was beautifully observed by the singing of Christmas carols, led by Harold Johns and Willa Hamilton, followed by the motion picture showing of the famed Omeramergau pageant, with the narration of the story read by Rev. Milo Fiske. Instead of the exchange of gifts among the members, all those attending brought gifts of food and supplies for relief work. Thus the women found joy in giving rather than receiving.

International Day was a gala event arranged by the program chairman, Mrs. Margaret Johns and the president. There was not then such a section in the club. Flags of all nations decked the auditorium. Club women serving luncheon wore oriental costumes with corresponding make ups in face and hair. Boughs of artificial cherry blossoms and Japanese lanterns festooned the auditorium. The Japanese Consul was the speaker and Japanese costumed dancers and musicians furnished entertainment. Mrs. J. Kam-Machida, president of the Los Angeles Chinese Society, was a guest.

California Hospitality reigned for the Reciprocity Day, when two guests from each club in neighboring towns were invited. The president,

with members of the board, all hostesses and many club members appeared in Spanish costumes for the "Fiesta Day" events. Elaborate table favors and decorations were arranged by Margaret Tester, Ella Byrne, Helen Sparks and Nellie White. Each guest was greeted by a costumed hostess receiving in the patio made gay with Mexican rugs, baskets and serapes and strolling musicians. Senor Raoul de Ramirez, with his dancers and musicians, furnished gay and authentic Mexican and South American entertainment.

Conservation Day, as proclaimed by Governor Frank Merriam, Arbor Day and Reciprocity Day were combined in one big club observance on March 6th, with Federation officers taking part in the tree planting ceremony on the club grounds, where a row of flowering peach trees and a group of cocus plumosis were dedicated: Mrs. Stewart to "Club Presidents"; Mrs. Grace Hudson, district president, to the "Federation"; Mrs. Ida Parker to "3 remaining charter members"; Mrs. White to "Luther Burbank". Mrs. Marian Pike read the Governor's proclamation. Federation speakers and music concluded the day.

During "Conservation Week" flowering peach trees were planted on school yards, city and county parks, through efforts of Mrs. Nellie White.

Mrs. Stewart was a 100% Federation attendant and sat among others so honored at the banquet table of the District Federation conventions. She served on the Rotary Club committee that selected the most worthy Arcadian for the year.

The Woman's Club was a member of the "400 Club", selected to be responsible for a section of the city in behalf of the Community Chest Drive, a new project at that time. The club subscribed $25 to that fund.

Club members assisted in decorating and paying for Arcadia City float entered in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses. Men of the community were invited to the club luncheons and seated at their reserved table and served promptly at 12:15. They often remained for the luncheon speaker. As a civic improvement project, Mrs. Sara Ray, in behalf of the club, proposed and had planted by the Street Dept., cedrus deodora along Huntington Dr., and flowering oleanders along the parkway of First Avenue.

The "Carnival of Progress" was the club's most auspicious undertaking ever attempted by the club since it involved all civic and club groups and citizens of Arcadia, and was participated in by the neighboring towns. Commemorating Arcadia's thirty-first birthday, the all-day carnival took place on August 4, 1934, with Mrs. Marian Willey as the capable general chairman, assisted by her Ways and Means committee, all club members, city officials and many others.

A month earlier wheels were set in motion to select by popular vote of the citizens, a young lady to be queen of the carnival, with attendants. The Carnival Queen selected was Miss Margaret Dorsey. Her float was built by the Wheeler Street Lumber Company and decorated by the Queen's four princesses and other helping hands. A uniformed honor

guard from the Artisan's Lodge escorted the Queen's float in the grand parade which extended from West Arcadia business section to the Second Avenue City Park. Taking part were all local organizations, three bands, equestrians from neighboring riding clubs, and individuals on show horses, the Woman's Club float, city officials in their decorated cars. Mrs. Anita Baldwin entered the horse driven carriage, once the conveyance of her father, "Lucky" Baldwin.

In the park food booths were presided over by members of all local organizations, who sold food, drinks, and souvenirs for benefit of their respective organization projects. The gala afternoon was given over to speeches over the loudspeaker provided by the Union Oil Co., by band music, competition exhibits of horses, games and races.

Through Mrs. Willey's capable management of the day's events, prizes were donated by citizens and firms and presented to the winning contestants. A dance, with gay music, on the tennis court, concluded Arcadia's birthday celebration. It was a typically warm August day and somewhat withering by the late afternoon, but was a city-wide worthy accomplishment, and the first to be attempted in Arcadia.

The financial statement submitted at the close of the year showed a cash balance at the opening of fifty-three (53¢) cents, and on June closing date $2,266.96. Out of this were disbursements during the year totaling $2,187.49. The final balance in the treasury was $105.00. The taxes that year were for the city, $27.52. The County taxes were $89.94.

Gifts made to the club by members Mrs. Rowena Dillingham, Mrs. Mundy of Pasadena, and Mrs. L. Burton, of twenty-five dollars each, were made to the Solarium Building fund. The club made 100% contribution to the newly organized Community Chest. $500.00 was paid on the clubhouse debt.

The president was a hundred percent attendant at Federation Councils and sat with the like honored others at the banquet table during the convention.

Written by Jessie Stewart

1935--1936

Mrs. Jefferson Byrne, President

The year of 1935-36, just five years after the club was incorporated Mrs. Jefferson Byrne was elected and installed as the fourteenth President of the club. The club slogan "Let Us Build Together," and the Club Object, "Kindly Contacts, Efficient Service for True Building." Ably assisting Mrs. Byrne were:

Mrs. Nell Schrader	First Vice-President
Mrs. Hermoine Beanston	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Fannie Needham	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Laura Hostutler	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Wood Glover	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Charlotte Link	Treasurer
Mrs. Emeile Timmerhoff	Program Chairman
Mrs. Nellie Pickard	Historian
Mrs. Nellie White	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Margaret Tester	Director
Mrs. Bertha Larsh	Director
Mrs. Emma Meade	Director

Departments:	Chairmen
Arts and Crafts	Mrs. Helen Sparks
Law	Mrs. Emma D. Meade
Calif. History and Landmarks	Mrs. Viola Andrews
Wild Life Conservation	Mrs. Marion Pike
Drama	Mrs. Zelpha Gillette
Educational	Mrs. C. Randolph
Gymnasium	Mrs. Ruth Harpole
Garden	Mrs. Grace McCurdy
Literature	Mrs. Ina Millspaugh
Secretary	Rowena Dillingham
Treasurer	Miss Isabell Evans

Chairmen of Standing Committees:

Ways & Means, Mrs. Emily Parke; Press, Mrs. Babs Cory; Press Book, Mrs. Tester, Mrs. Link; Membership, Mrs. Leitz; Social, Mrs. Jessie Stewart; Courtesy, Mrs. Ida Parker; Door, Mrs. Louise Schermerhorn; Decorations, Mrs. Lulu Reynolds; Music, Mrs. Lola Trew; Pianist, Mrs. LeRoy Anderson; Club Hostess, Mrs. Ethel Watson; Flag Bearer, Mrs. Bessie Heuser; House, Mrs. Beanston; Motion Picture, Mrs. Chandler.

Organizational Progress

It would be difficult to enumerate in the chronology of these early years the factual organizational progress as each step taken was toward progress. Nineteen new members were added to the club roster. The programs were most outstanding and included the following themes each meeting: 1--"Harvest Home Reunion", 2--"Far Horizons", 3-"Cheer and Interest", 4--"Thanksgiving", 5--"Firm Foundation", 6--"Joy to the World", 7--"California All-States Day", 8--"Spanning the World", 9--"Saints to Remember",

Reciprocity Day, 10--"Colonial Days", 11--"The Law", 12--"U.S. Industry", 13--"International Day", 14--"Conservation Day", 15--"Mother and Daughter Day", 16--"Going Places".

The club hosted the Rotary Club at one of their early meetings. The program for the afternoon was Mrs. Percilla L. Randolph, president of The National Association of Law--her topic was "Our Constitution". This was the fifth meeting of the year. The business at this meeting consisted of payment of $43.37 County taxes, and Federation dues of $60.40. A beautiful Memorial Service was held for Mrs. Margaret Tester who had recently succumbed. The unveiling of an altar of flowers and candles and a poem read by Mrs. Jessie Stewart and Mrs. Emeile Timmerhoff. Payment of $100 on the club indebtedness at a local bank was made at this date.

At the first meeting the program was a talk by District President Mrs. Will Lee Austin. The afternoon program was "Tales of China" by Mrs. R. Goodsell who told of folklore and customs, also played some weird music on a flute. Other programs were "Bird Talks" by Mrs. Marion Pike. One organizational progress was voting to have all club meetings a luncheon meeting at a charge of 25 cents per person. One of the most outstanding programs was the "Biblical Pageant", The Women of The Bible, presented by 8 club women dressed in vestments and carrying candles which were lighted.

At the second January meeting the P.E.O. members were honored guests of the club. The luncheon program, "Historical Landmarks" by Ida Parker and the afternoon program French dances portrayed by Helen Cartwright and Franda Maddock. The February meeting hosted the faculty members of the High School and Grammar School. Nellie White gave a talk on "Washington the Tree Lover". The afternoon program, a singer and a cellist, Miss Mildred Quale.

At the first March meeting, the Press Chairman of the District gave a talk on "Citizenship". Also, Judge LeRoy Anderson discussed citizenship from a lawyer's viewpoint. The afternoon program was a style show of knitted dresses and suits modeled by club women. At the second March meeting Nellie White moved the niche at the back of the auditorium be reserved for rare plants and also serve as a memorial for those departed members of the club. The afternoon program was by Mrs. Paul Combs, a returned missionary from Africa. At the April first meeting, the honored guests were the City Council Street Supt. and City Attorney and City Clerk. Father O'Keefe was luncheon speaker--his topic "International Relations". It was at this meeting a blooming peach tree on the club grounds was dedicated by Mrs. Ella Byrne to Nellie White for her outstanding work as chairman of the beautification committee for the club.

At the May 6th meeting the President announced the finances of the club would permit another reduction of the club's debt of $100.00 on the note held by the Bank of America. The motion made and the debt was reduced to $1600.00. The Chaminade Club gave the program that day and other business on the agenda was the Secretary's reading of the names of officers elected for the ensuing year.

At the June 3rd meeting, which was Installation meeting, reports from all chairmen. The Past Presidents headed by Nellie White presented

Mrs. Byrne retiring President, with a beautiful lei and Jessie Stewart welcomed her into the realm of Past Presidents.

Civic

Many outstanding Civic projects were accomplished this year. Among them was the continued sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 5. Mrs. Marie Chambers was appointed as chairman of this movement. Participating in a "Table Setting Contest" at the Broadway Pasadena store in which the club won the $15.00 prize money. Assistance to the Ross Field County Park especially at the Ground Breaking ceremonies on Feb. 10, 1936. The planting of 9 trees which the club paid for. These were for the Arbor Day program of which Nellie White was chairman. The City's beautification campaign was sponsored by the Woman's Club during the time Mrs. Jefferson Byrne was President. At the famous Arbor Day ceremony, the singing of "Trees" by Mrs. Beth Garrow with violin obligatto by Mrs. Florence Gale Anderson was at the first endeavor to make Arcadia the home of the flowering peach tree. The first tree was dedicated to George Washington, the father of our country, by Nellie White. The second tree was dedicated to Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator dedicated by Ella Byrne, the third tree was dedicated to Florence Nightingale who belongs to the ages, dedicated by Emma Meade, the last four trees were dedicated to illustrious men and women--Jane Addams of Hull House, to Luther Burbank, and to The Children of Arcadia, our potential future citizens. The outstanding feature of the day was the floral arch formed by branches of blossoming peach in the hands of 50 girls selected from different grades. This was arranged at the foot of the steps leading to the main entrance of the school, through this arch the other school children marched to the rhythm of "America The Beautiful".

Mrs. Emma Meade took a group of clubwomen to attend the Los Angeles Juvenile Court. The Philanthropy was a Christmas box to the residents of the County Farm. A $5.00 contribution to the Will Rogers Memorial Fund. A wheel chair to the Goodwill Industries.

Federation

All chairmen attended their conferences. The district officers were hosted at our Reciprocity meeting. $25.00 was donated by the club to the Federation Building Fund.

Social Affairs

Although this was a very busy year filled with civic and business projects, the social affairs were not neglected. One of the most outstanding was the "Husbands' Night" dinner. Graciously welcomed by the president, Mrs. Ella Byrne, the toast of the evening was to--"Our Husbands--the men upon whom we rely for comfort and companionship, for advice which we take or leave, for financial backing which we always accept, our good old standbys, our husbands." This was remembered through the years, as one of the highly successful social affairs of all time. The club used a cateress--Mrs. Simons of Monrovia.

On the Reciprocity Day the club hosted 18 visiting presidents from neighboring towns. Through the departments of Federation Extension programs, Parliamentary Law, Handcrafts, Garden, Conservation, History and Landmarks, Literature, and Business and Professional Law, the club has

been in close and educational contact with the district federation to the betterment of every club member. $25.00 was subscribed to the Federation Building, $5.00 to the Will Rogers Memorial Fund.

Philanthropy

At Christmas time the club met generously the local Welfare requirements and contributed over 200 gift boxes to the less fortunate residents of Rancho Los Amigos with many club members attending the presentation program at the Rancho.

The club had eight past presidents alive and active. In January, 1936, a Past Presidents Emeritus was organized. These members notified the club they would hold themselves in readiness to serve the club interests as opportunity developed the need.

Ways and Means

The highly successful "Family Supper Under Petticoat Rule" enriched the club treasurer $63.00. This was a complimentary gesture to our retiring President. A new innovation was the courageous husbands engineering the serving and washing the dishes.

Written by Alma Weems

1936--1937

Mrs. Emma D. Meade, President

Mrs. Emma D. Meade served her third year as President of the Woman's Club during the club year 1936-37. Extensive plans were made by her, assisted by the Executive Board, to further the work of the organization, and keep it outstanding in the community. Assisting her were:

Mrs. Juliet Renshaw	First Vice-President
Mrs. Hermoine Beanston	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Ruth Harpole	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Lula Reynolds	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Ian Millspaugh	Treasurer
Mrs. Marie Chambers	Federation Secretary
Mrs. May Glover	Program Chairman
Mrs. Bertha Larsh	Director
Mrs. Fanny Needham	Director
Mrs. Olive Hoffman	Director

Appointive Officers:

Mrs. Florence Boller	Parliamentarian
Mrs. C. L. Randolph	Historian
Mrs. Rowena Dillingham	Club Hostess
Mrs. Florence Gale Anderson	Pianist
Mrs. Lyda Fiske	Flag Bearer

Departments:	Chairmen
Handcraft	Mrs. Helen Sparks
Motion Pictures	Mrs. Marion Willey
Legislation	Mrs. Nellie White
American Citizenship	Mrs. Mae Shetler
Education	Mrs. Mary Moore
Calif. History & Landmarks	Mrs. Emily Timerhoff
Business & Protective Law	Mrs. Lena Multer
International Interests	Mrs. Jessie Stewart
Indian Welfare	Mrs. Viola Andrews
Highway Safety	Mrs. Bertha Lewis

Standing Committees:

Ways and Means

Press---Marion Willey, Chairman. Mrs. Laura Hostutler

Membership---Mrs. Nettie Noack, Chairman. Gladys Daniels, Verone Young, Mabel MacLagan, Florence Muller.

Civic Welfare---Mrs. Emma Kaskel, Chairman. Florence Berry, Clara Smith, Edith Gruben, Clara Herkner.

Social---Mrs. Betty Warner, Chairman. Elsie Murfett, Florence Newell.

Courtesy---Mrs. Irene Stoker, Chairman. Beth Garrow, Mary Wheeler.

Door---Mrs. Sally Angus, Chairman. Babs Corby, Arlene Brown, Blodwen Ferrente, Irene Pops, Mildred Elam, Florence Knisley, Bernice Johnson, Hattye Douglas, Helen Hall.

Decoration---Mrs. Florence Granville, Chairman. Florence Endicott, Bessie Heuser, Ethel Watson, Ida Parker, Luella Phelps, Harriet Dickinson, Rowena Dillingham, Miss Emily Faulkner.
Music---Mrs. Hermoine Beanston, Chairman. Bessie Vanderbur, Marian Gramm.
House---Mrs. Hermoine Beanston, Chairman. Bertha Larsh, Fanny Needham, Olive Hoffman.
Press Book---Mrs. Alice Pangborn, Chairman. Nellie Wilson.
Women's Exchange Table---Mrs. Bertha Thompson, Chairman. Mrs. Pauline Crader.

Section Chairmen:

Mrs. Edith Rose, Athletic; Mrs. Nellie White, Garden; Mrs. Edith Ingram, Literature; Mrs. Emilie Timerhoff, Calif. History & Landmarks; Mrs. Katherine Shier, Current Events; Mrs. Lola Trew, Music.

Sponsors for Boy Scout Troop No. 5---R. N. Dickinson, Chairman, assisted by M. Lubetkin, J. C. Garrow, Dr. A. C. Ambler, C. J. Smith. Our Youth, the hope of our future and the inspiration of our present.

Club dues at this time were $3.00 per year, and initiation fee $2.00. Absent membership dues were not approved for more than two consecutive years. One of the things that the Club was most proud of was the sponsoring of Boy Scout Troop 5. The Club advanced $5.00 for registration of five committee men, and $10.00 for handbooks for boys. The Club received the Scout Charter as sponsors of Troop 5. The original charter is in the clipping book of 1936-37, signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, Honorary President.

Two new sections were formed: the Athletic and the Current Events section. By-laws were revised. A membership drive was held. A prize was to be given to the Club Member bringing in the most members by Sept. 1st. Thirty new members joined the Club, bringing the total paid up membership to 125 active and eight absent members. The forming of a Junior Group was again discussed, and a committee appointed to make plans for the organization of such a group.

Federation

The President, Mrs. Meade, was 100% in attendance at the Presidents Councils, held at different places in the District, and at the Presidents Conference held at the District at stated times through the year.

Reciprocity Day was held March 17th, at the Club. Twenty Clubs were represented. Present from the District were Mrs. Burt Beverly, District Treasurer, Mrs. Edward M. Kromer, District Welfare Chairman, Mrs. George L. Schuetz, District Chairman of Business and Protective Law, and Mrs. John Robert White, Jr., County Federation. Being St. Patrick's Day, "a bit of Auld Erin" greeted members and friends as they entered the Club House. Tables were arranged to form the three leaves of the Shamrock, and were decorated in huge bouquets of pink peach blossoms, arranged by Mrs. Glenn Watson in celebration of the Peach Blossom Festival in Arcadia. Mrs. Nellie White, promoter of the idea, explained it to the visitors from the sister clubs, and the District visitors, informing them they were witnessing the first official Peach Blossom Festival, although

the movement had been promoted by the Club for three years. At the close of the meeting, the flowers were given to the visitors. In the reception room, there was an exhibition of antiques and California relics displayed under the sponsorship of the California History and Landmarks Section. Glasses of home made jelly were given by Club members to sell at the Federation booth on the County Fair Grounds.

The Pasadena Woman's Club extended an invitation to the members of the Woman's Club of Arcadia to join them at a luncheon November 10th, honoring the State President, Mrs. W. D. James.

Civic

Mrs. Meade was invited to serve on a committee to select the most outstanding citizen of Arcadia, sponsored by the Rotary Club. Mrs. Adcocke was voted the winner. The Club chose an entrant to sponsor in the Southern California Festival of Arts. A joint meeting was held with Club members and the Rotary, with the Woman's Club putting on the program. This was a custom inaugurated in Mrs. Meade's first term. A City Beautification plan was again discussed.

A resolution was unanimously passed that a letter be written to the City Council to the effect that the Board of Directors of the Woman's Club of Arcadia are opposed to every form of gambling or games of skill. The following is a letter received from Mr. E. L. Kingston.

Dear Mrs. Meade:

Inasmuch as the City Council of Arcadia has passed a resolution wherein they recommend that all persons and organizations work together toward a city beautification program, I am wondering if you would appoint someone from your organization to meet with me Tuesday, April 27th, at 2:30 P.M. at the Arcadia Building and Loan, at which time we could formulate plans for a City Beautification program.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) E. K. Kingston

A committee was appointed and attended this meeting with Mrs. Meade.

Youth Program

The Club sponsored Boy Scout Troop #5. Members of the Woman's Club were present at their first trip to the Scout Cabin. The Troop were guests at the turkey dinner in January. The Club gave the sum of $8.00 toward the Troop Flag.

Garden

Mrs. Nellie White, Chairman. It was through the untiring efforts of this section that the Club House grounds had been beautified. Meetings were held at the homes of members except for the field trips. The Fall Flower Show was held November 10th, which was also the 10th Annual Flower Show, which proved that this event had become a red letter day on Arcadia's Calendar, and that it had won a permanent place in the community. The Section met monthly, and had programs and held plant sales. They also put on a club program.

Athletic Section

Mrs. Dan Rose, Chairman. This new section was organized Sept. 4, 1936. The first meeting was held in the Club House on Sept. 1, 1936. It was recreational and featured outdoor activities such as hiking, tennis, and all forms of exercises. They commenced their series of activities with a breakfast at the Club, when various divisions were set up. They had an Exchange Table where members could bring articles for sale or exchange. This innovation proved profitable to the members.

Literature Section

Mrs. Elizabeth Ingram, Chairman. This section stressed the cultural side of the Club and the Community was invited to take advantage of the book reviews and the lessons in correct English given each month. The section met at the Club House, and Mrs. Edith Roberts gave the reviews.

California History and Landmarks Section

Mrs. Emily Timerhoff, Chairman. This section occupied an enviable place in the public interest, especially since Arcadia had many reminders of historic days. The members visited Santa Anita Rancho and took many other historical tours. They took part in the program on Reciprocity Day. Members made a trip to Los Amigos and also visited Olvera Street December 30th--also put on a Club program.

Current Events Section

Mrs. Katherine Shier, Chairman. The time for forming a Current Events Section seemed most appropriate this year, when world news, both our and other countries, held the public interest. Club members brought these events of current interest to the Club meetings and a deep thoughtfulness of world affairs became apparent.

Music Section

Mrs. Lola Trew, Chairman. Group singing followed business meetings. Members could associate themselves with Adult Education Singing Groups. Past Presidents' Day was observed Dec. 2nd. Present were Mae Dunham, Nellie White, Nellie Picard, Bertha Lewis, Mattie Peck, Marion Pike, Jessie Stewart, Ella Byrne, Emma D. Meade. On March 17, 1937, (St. Patrick's Day), it was voted to have this day set aside as Peach Blossom Day.

Philanthropy (called Civic Welfare)

Mrs. Emmy Kasket, Chairman. Gifts to the Welfare Committee at Christmas time. Members brought donations and gifts to the Club at the Christmas season and the President took them to the County Farm. The committee cooperated with other organizations in the community in matters of public welfare, and contributed to the Red Cross, for the flood sufferers. Club members made several trips to the County Farm. The use of the Club House was donated for President Roosevelt's birthday dinner, the money going to the Warm Springs Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. This dinner was a community affair.

Other activities: Had a Christmas party just for home folks, when members met for an exchange of gifts and the singing of Christmas carols. Gifts were also brought for the less fortunate. Family Night dinner had an atmosphere of friendliness and hospitality. The dinner was served family style so that all could have second helpings--if they successfully conquered the first portions. Mrs. John Renshaw was Chairman.

Boy Scout Troop #5 was sponsored by the Club, and the boys and their Scoutmaster J. Berkompas were special guests. A fine program was introduced by Mrs. May Glover, Program Chairman. Members entertained their Mothers or Daughters at the Annual Mother-Daughter Day, January 2, 1937. The price of the Club luncheons was 35¢. Might also mention that someone entered the Club House one night, but no loss was sustained.

Ways and Means

Marion Willey, Chairman. Perhaps the hardest work of any committee goes into the preparation of benefits which provide the means of maintaining the Club in the style to which it is accustomed, and of reducing the indibtedness. The benefits for the year 1936-37 included the following: Two summer parties, two afternoon card parties, sandwich demonstration, Bridge parties and teas. Served luncheons for the Rotary Guest day, at 75¢ per plate. Four Chairmen during the year took care of these luncheons, each serving for three months. This was later changed and the Rotary Club hired their own cateress and paid the Club $15.00 per month rental. The Club also had other rentals--Royal Neighbors, a church and a dancing class.

The Executive Board served three dinners. The largest affair of all was the first Turf Club Ball, which was a huge success. The committee, headed by Mrs. Charles Willey, staged the first benefit dance given at the Turf Club. Music for the dancing was furnished by Phil's Harmony Garden Orchestra of Pasadena. Mrs. M. G. Milspaugh was ticket chairman; tickets sold at $1.50 per couple. Prizes galore had been secured and the donors included not only the many Arcadia merchants, but also several Los Angeles stores. Among the Arcadia Merchants donating prizes were Arcadia Hardware, Becker's Dress Shop, Gillette Shoe Store, Menshop, Arcadia Theater, King's Pharmacy, Watt's Barbecue, Baldwin Avenue Hardware, Mosher's Dry Goods, Arcadia Lumber, Seltzer's Variety Store, Safeway, Market Basket, Pines Coffee Shop, DuBois, Stoker's Market, Robinson's Market, Walton Hardware, Sheehan Furniture, and many others. There was a prize waltz. Cards were played in the dining rooms leading off the dance floor. Tables were set for 200 card players, both auction and contract. Light refreshments were served from the barroom of the Club House.

Mrs. Willey secured the Turf Club from Mr. Charles Strub for the affair. Arcadia's City ordinance prohibited dancing after midnight, if the affair was to be public. Mrs. Willey was told when she was granted the dance permit for the affair that the festivities must cease at midnight. More than 500 couples were present at the gala affair. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful basket of flowers, vari-colored Calla Lilies, to Mrs. Willey. The presentation was made by Mrs. Emma D. Meade, President, on behalf of the Woman's Club.

Members on the committee were: Mmes. John Kaskel, M. G. Milspaugh, John Hostutler, William G. Lewis, E. C. Ingram, George Needham, Ella Baughman, J. Thomas Reynolds, Keith Beanston, and A. R. Chambers.

In addition to the many Arcadia folk present, guests came from Pasadena, Los Angeles, San Marino, Azusa and Monrovia. The waltz contest, topping the evening's dance program, was won by Jean Marshall and Harvey Moss, Jr. To Miss Marshall was given a box of imported face powder, and

to Mr. Moss a cigarette case. The Grand Door Prize, a diamond ring, was won by Norman McKee. Others winning prizes were Mrs. R. E. Podlick, Mr. R. E. Podlick, Miss Lorna Kaskel, Charles Stewart, Mrs. Raymond Maxwell, D. G. Peerson, S. T. Reeder, Mrs. H. H. Butler, Mrs. Frank Ingram, Mrs. John R. Hall, Ira Everette, T. E. Casson, Floyd Coleman, Clyde Cannon, F. Collins, John Murfett, Mrs. Mabel Greenfield, Geneva McMahon, Mrs. John Murfett, Mrs. Helen Grant.

For selling the most tickets, Mrs. Edith Rose was given a month's pass to the Arcadia Theater; the second best seller, Mr. Frank Ingram, was given riding spurs donated by the Santa Anita Riding Academy. This party netted the Club $200.00.

And so, the curtain descends on the 1936-37 chapter of the history of the Woman's Club. The year was highlighted by definite progress toward complete fulfillment of the state objectives of the Club, intellectual improvement, civic improvement, social enjoyment and mutual help. It was remarkable that during this year when prosperity was the exception rather than the rule, the Woman's Club advanced steadily toward complete ownership, free from encumbrance. $600.00 was paid off on the indebtedness, leaving only a balance of $1000.00, and in addition to this, all the expenses of the Club had been met promptly.

Mrs. Meade was asked early in April to remain President for another year, but she graciously declined.

At a luncheon at the end of the year given at the home of Mrs. May Glover, the following tribute was paid Mrs. Meade: "Three times you have stood at the helm of our Club work; you have given three years of faithful, fearless leadership. To you goes the award of earnest and sincere service."

Written by Caroline Ganther

1937--1938
Mrs. Charles W. Stewart, President

After an interval of two years, Mrs. Charles W. Stewart was again elected to serve the Woman's Club of Arcadia in the capacity of President. Officers elected to serve with Mrs. Stewart were:

Mrs. Juliet Renshaw	Vice-President
Mrs. Hermoine Beanston	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Ruth Harpole	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Lulu Reynolds	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Florence Boller	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Ina Millspaugh	Treasurer
Mrs. May Glover	Program Chairman
Mrs. Bertha Larsh	Director
Mrs. Fannie Needham	Director
Mrs. Olive Hoffman	Director
Mrs. Florence Boller	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Nettie Noack	Historian
Mrs. Florence Anderson	Pianist
Mrs. Lulu Reynolds	

Departments:	Chairmen
Garden	Mrs. Nellie White
Literature	Mrs. Elizabeth Ingram
Calif. History & Landmarks	Mrs. Emilie Timmerhoff
Athletic	Mrs. Edith Rose
Drama	Mrs. Frances Needham
International Relations	Mrs. Ruth Chandler
Handcrafts	Mrs. Helen Sparks
Current Events	Mrs. Lulu Reynolds

Mrs. Juliet Renshaw and Mrs. Ruth Harpole formed the Press Committee. The year book was compiled and arranged by Maybelle Moore, Marjorie Harris and Rose Yarrow. This wood and copper hand-made book was displayed at the Federation convention during that year.

Mrs. Ethel Watson and members of the Membership committee, started the club year with a large list of new members and arranged a "welcome tea" for them and all members, early in the Fall. Committee chairmen were:

Civic Welfare	Mrs. A. B. Ellison
Social	Mrs. Lola Trew
Courtesy	Mrs. Irene Stoker
Hospitality	Mrs. Rowena Dillingham
Stage Decorations	Mrs. Helen Hall
Table Decorations	Mrs. Evalina Pike
Music	Mrs. Marie Chambers
House and Reference	Mrs. Hermoine Beanston

Special committees functioning for the year were:

Finance	Mrs. Bertha Lewis
Building Fund	Mrs. Marian Willey

Boy Scout Troop #5	Mrs. Faith Coombs
Sales Table	Mrs. Frances McKenzie
Magazine Table	Mrs. Ann Schouten
Gen'l Chrmn. of luncheons	Mrs. Ella Baughman
By-Laws	Mrs. Emma Meade

During the summer months preceding the opening of the club year, club officers were busy supervising the planning and building of the store room adjoining the east side of the club auditorium. Before this was accomplished the heavy luncheon tables were stacked in the kitchen and at the end of the stage when not in use. It was a difficult task to get them in and out, as the women often had to do for luncheons and evening dinners.

The auditorium floor was refinished and new soft green draperies were made and hung by club women. Under the capable direction of Mrs. Ida Parker and Mrs. Evelina Pike, the club kitchen was thoroughly cleaned and repainted, needed kitchen utensils were added.

The round of garden parties was started early in the summer and continued during the winter in the clubhouse and in the homes, as a social benefit and for the buildup of the fund started by the club in Mrs. Stewart's former year of 1934-35, for the proposed sun room to be added on the east.

One of the most satisfactory achievements this year was the organization of the Junior Woman's Club, on December 16, 1937. Mrs. Margaret Johns and Mrs. Ardene Boller were the senior club sponsors. Miss Eleanor Lucas was the temporary chairman during the few meetings of the group in the homes, prior to the complete organization. Miss Lucas became the first president. By-laws were written and approved by the senior club and the Junior Club met regularly in the clubhouse. Mrs. Stewart and the sponsors continued to advise the new group through the first year.

In November of 1937, Mrs. Boller had introduced a resolution to the senior club, providing for the creation of the new Junior section.

The Drama section was added to the club activities this year, with Mrs. Frances Needham as chairman, and provided a club program during the year.

Another new member, Mrs. Mabel Hoover, stepped into the duties of chairman of Motion Pictures section. She represented the club at conferences, previewed pictures for criticism as arranged by the Federation which had become vitally concerned in recommending and endorsing the best in motion pictures.

Civic Day, as observed at the club, was attended by city officials, press staff, and prominent citizens as special guests, several of whom spoke in the interest of city welfare. In response to the appeal for cooperation in keeping Arcadia a morally clean city, the club women enthusiastically pledged its support for all efforts made in that direction. The Woman's Club joined with the Chamber of Commerce in plans for a Valley-wide July 4th celebration, staged in the local County Park.

Twelve neighboring clubs were represented at the Valentine Reciprocity Luncheon in February. The elaborate and gay decorations in red and white flowers, favors, nut cups and valentines, were arranged by Mrs. J. J. MacFarlane, and the luncheon was supervised by Mrs. Ida Parker.

The 12th Annual Flower Show of November, 1937, with Mrs. Nellie White as Garden Section chairman, and her department in charge of arrangements in the clubhouse, was declared to have topped all previous local displays in patronage and exhibits open to any and all without charge. Judges were from out of town garden clubs. The show, as always, was planned as a civic enterprise to promote and encourage city beautification. Cascade Chrysanthemums were a featured attraction.

Garden section affairs were always highlighted by speakers of note, plant exchanges and discussions. The Colonial Costume Tea at the George Andrews' home and gardens was a special day for the section members and friends. The slogan for the year was "A flowering peach tree in every home garden."

Of more than passing interest was the appearance of Mrs. Jerry Voorheis, wife of Congressman Voorheis, on a luncheon program. Mrs. Voorheis told of her observations and experiences; as to what a congressman's wife could and could not do on perfunctory occasions, intrigueing as well as informing her listeners.

This was the occasion of the "All States" celebration luncheon, when club women sat at their "native state" table and joined in the stunts and songs and slogans relative to each state. Each table had its typical decorations.

Federation Day was observed in January, 1938, with District president as speaker and all district section heads as guests of local club section chairmen. On being introduced, each district chairman was asked to give a 3-minute talk on her objectives. Mrs. Florence Boller, as club Federation secretary, arranged that portion of the day, which proved to be most interesting.

The "Fall Shower" was a surprise feature of a club meeting. The board members, dressed as pirates, with swords and daggers and flashing pistols, entered the club room bearing a rusty treasure chest. When opened it disclosed an assortment of needed kitchen implements. The pirates departed still menacing and threatening bodily harm.

A supplement was added to the club year book in January on which were printed the names of the large list of new members joining in the three months previous.

Under the ever resourceful leadership of the Building Fund chairman, Mrs. Marian Willey, a year round of social benefits were arranged by her different hostesses, who entertained in their homes and in the clubhouse with dessert bridge parties, evening parties in the clubhouse with music and other entertainment. Mrs. Willey offered alluring prizes of tea sets, oil paintings, Thanksgiving turkeys, and more, to the hostesses who were the most successful in the party plan benefits. These social contacts

won many new friends and members for club, as well as financial results that added to the growing building fund.

An estimated 700 guests from over Southern California assembled for the club's second annual Turf Club Ball held in the Turf Club rooms at Santa Anita in April, with Mrs. Marian Willey, the originator of prize awards, music and special dance features were highly entertaining. This was a social event of the year for the entire community and drew much favorable attention to Arcadia.

In January, club members honored Boy Scout Troop #5, their sponsors and parents at an evening meeting and social affair in the clubhouse, with Field Scout Executive A. B. Prescott as featured speaker. The Boy Scouts of America yearly charter was presented and filed in the club's press book of that year, a prized reminder to club women for their share in encouraging the boys toward good citizenship. Later in the year the Woman's Club gave a spread for the troop and their sponsors.

The Scouts exemplified their rituals and drills. Mr. Ray Dickinson, head of the Scout committee, accepted the Woman's Club gift of ten dollars to Troop #5, and thanked the club members for their loyal support.

Peach Blossom Day at the March meeting of the club attracted a capacity attendance. It was Garden Section Day. The clubhouse was a bower of pink and white blossoms.

Following the luncheon, the club and guests joined in a tree planting ceremony arranged by Mrs. Nellie White, who supervised the planting of two palm trees in honor of Joyce Kilmer, a famed California poet and soldier. During the morning, Mr. Eugene Perry planted a crepe myrtle in the yard as his contribution to the Arbor Day observance. The indoor program arranged by the Garden section concluded a most worthwhile day.

"American Home" was the theme of one club day when Mr. Edgar Wileman, an English world traveler and consultant, was the speaker on "Home Decoration." Down the center of the room he displayed a collection of fine rare fabrics and explained their interest in colors and textures.

On "Americanism Day," Mr. Allen Bixby, state commander of the American Legion, was the convincing speaker, with a high patriotic influence.

Mrs. John Sterns Thayer, president of the District Federation, was the guest speaker on Federation Day.

During the Christmas Season, the president and her husband entertained the entire board and their husbands in the Stewart home on Double Drive at a dinner and entertainment. Motion pictures of the Stewart's foreign travel were shown after a musical program.

Christmas observance by the club was celebrated in part in an early California manner. Mrs. J. M. McFarlane, in a lovely Spanish costume, scattered a basketful of "casanovas" among the guests. These were filled

with confetti and to be broken on the heads of any persons not joining in the fun of the moment. A lighted silver tree that reached to the ceiling, occupied the center of the auditorium. Santa entered with bells jingling. This followed sacred Christmas music and stories and a pageant.

On this day the club decided to purchase and display in the clubhouse window during Christmas Week, a large electrically lighted star, which was to be kept for each succeeding season as its contribution to the Christmas cheer.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Ellison, Civic Welfare chairman, the club directed its Thanksgiving and Christmas giving to persons in need in the community. Many baskets of food found their way into the homes of grateful Arcadians that year.

Welfare chairman, Mrs. A. B. Ellison, brought to the club's attention, the need of an elderly person in Arcadia, unable to get out into the sunshine, who would greatly benefit by the use of a wheelchair. This need was very soon met by contributions and the wheelchair was purchased. A metal plaque was attached to the back of the chair with the date and name of the club and the purpose of the chair. A record was to be kept of each person to whom the chair rotated and when not in use, to be stored in the clubhouse. Mrs. Ellison passed the chair to several persons needing its help and comfort and it solved the problems of several helpless Arcadians.

A mock venison dinner, rarely served outside European countries, was the tempting fare offered the guests on Escorts' night, a gala affair in the club year. Several foreign born good cooks among the club members prepared and served the novel meal.

Club husbands contributed several jovial stunts and speeches which were followed by entertainment presented by Mr. Leslie Brigham, a stage character-song artist, assisted by pianist Raymond McFeeters. Dancing was the finish to a gay evening.

Civic Day was the occasion to bring to the club civic officials and leaders for luncheon and to hear the speaker, Mrs. E. Lightholder, president of County Federation and an ardent worker for clean city government.

"Aloha Day" was considered alluring enough to invite the local Rotarians to luncheon with the club members. The program was presented by Helen Quirk, a devotee of the Hawaiian Dance and its accompanying music. Her costume and grace won the favor of all, including the visitors who called for more of the same kind.

"Americanism" was the theme of the February patriotic luncheon, with special music. Mr. Allen Bixby was the speaker, whose subject was "Our Country."

All departments, sections and committees functioned in their prescribed ways and forwarded the club work in every particular. Many of the sections held their affairs in the homes of members.

Mrs. Stewart attended all Federation conferences and was the club's delegate to the District convention.

There was a marked degree of cooperation and enthusiasm shown in the entire life of the club, which was humming in its activities during the twelve months of satisfaction in service.

Written by Jessie Stewart

1938--1939
Mrs. Ina Millspaugh, President

On the other side of the globe, the heavy tread of a dictator was heard. Hitler annexed Austria, and then followed the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia.

On this side of the globe, our Club elected Mrs. Mark Millspaugh to its Presidency, with the following Executive Board:

Irene Stoker	First Vice-President
Susan Riess	Second Vice-President
Ethel Frentress	Recording Secretary
Ethel Rubottom	Corresponding Secretary
Bertha Larsh	Federation Secretary
Elsie Murfett	Treasurer
Mabel Hoover	Program Chairman
Eva Reynolds	Parliamentarian
Fannie Needham	Trustee
Olive Hoffman	Trustee

Section Chairmen:

Garden Section	Nellie White
Calif. History & Landmarks	Emilie Timerhoff
Literature	Nellie Marshal
Current Events	Lulu Randolph

Organization

The Executive Board decided in August to waive initiation fees for those women, members of sections but not members of the Club, who desired to join the Club. The first meeting of the month was to be devoted to program features only. The second devoted mainly to transaction of business with only a short program. Because so many luncheon guests failed to make reservations, it was decided to try having two colored tickets; blue for those making reservations, and white for those failing to make reservations--holders of blue tickets being admitted first. A steel cabinet was purchased, to house Club documents. This is now called the "President's" cabinet, and contains important documents, Board and Club Meeting minutes, Treasurer's reports and year books. There, too, are the ashes of two mortgages. A key was ordered made, to lock the grand piano, when not in use by the Club.

The Club year opened with a well attended tea and fashion show. During the year Annual Peach Blossom Festival was observed. Reciprocity Day found Presidents of neighboring Clubs and Federation Officers in attendance. Under Mrs. Charles Hoover, the Turf Club Ball was the highlight of the Club social year. The evening honoring husbands was well attended and appreciated by the gentlemen. The Home Talent and Hobby Show, a unique feature, revealed little-known activities of members. The Program Chairman provided entertainment and information in many fields. A new Music Department was formed, after a period of inactivity in that field, with Mrs. Charles Lumpkin as leader. A total of fifty-four new members was added to the Club roster. The highlight of the Club financial year was the liquidation and burning of the mortgage of five hundred and six dollars at the June installation.

Federation

The Club endorsed the State Federation program to set aside a section of Redwood groves as a National Park; cooperated with Los Angeles District on the water-shed project; followed former practice of sponsoring the Junior Woman's Club. Mrs. William D. Gibbs, a member, was District Federation Registrar for the Junior Group. Observed Federation Day with many Federation officers attending.

Buildings--Grounds Maintenance

Bought a new kitchen range in June; decided in September not to buy the lot next door; two new coffee urns were purchased in February.

Philanthropies

Instead of members exchanging small personal gifts, it was decided to raise a fund which could be used to finance a blind girl, Miss Shaw, who was working her way through college. She and her seeing-eye dog were adopted as a club project. Contributions were made to the Municipal Christmas Tree fund, to Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, Los Angeles District Fund for the Blind, Children's Home Society, Welfare Coordinating Council and Boy Scout Troop #5. Arcadia needy were helped with Christmas baskets, distributed through the Thrift Shop. A contribution was made to the Children's Summer Vacation Plan.

Youth Program

In October, the Club sponsored the American Youth Hostels. Two parties were planned for Boy Scout Troop #5--one at Christmas, with their fathers as guests, and another in the spring. The entire building was made available for both parties.

Civic Welfare

During the year, speakers, pro and con, were heard on important tax and life retirement measures. It was recommended that the city undertake the municipal collection of garbage. The Club joined in the petition to build a new post office. The annual Flower Show was sponsored by the Garden Department under the leadership of Mrs. Nellie White; one thousand flowering peach trees were planted over a two year period. Entered a float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, and won second prize in its class.

Departments

All departments held monthly meetings and contributed toward an annual Club program. All Department Chairmen attended District conferences and made annual reports. Garden featured Peach Blossom Festival in March, Calif. History & Landmarks included field trips in its department programs. Its annual program for the Club was outstanding. A pantomine, written and narrated by Mrs. Emilie Timerhoff, depicting California's progress, was enacted by members of the Department. The pantomine was later repeated before the Missionary Society at Rancho Santa Anita.

Ways and Means

During the year, an exchange table was maintained by members, who brought food, handcraft, and other articles for sale. The Turf Club Ball under Mrs. Charles Hoover was given at Santa Anita Turf Club, to raise funds to liquidate the mortgage. Finance Chairman, Mrs. Claude Bonner, held monthly benefit bridge parties. Instruction in contract bridge was given as well.

Written by Mrs. Lillian Ross

1939--1940
Mrs. Ina Millspaugh, President

The war in Europe was expanding. One proud nation after another fell before Hitler's might--Poland, Norway, Denmark, the Low Countries, and finally France.

Her firm and discerning leadership of the previous year resulted in Mrs. Millspaugh's being re-elected to the Presidency. This year the officers were:

Mrs. James A. Stoker	First Vice-President
Mrs. H. E. Riess	Second Vice-President
Mrs. E. J. Frentress	Recording Secretary
Mrs. B. E. Rubottom	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Edgar Reid	Federation Secretary
Mrs. John Murfett	Treasurer
Mrs. Claude Bonner	Program Chairman
Mrs. Eva Reynolds	Parliamentarian
Mrs. C. C. Hoffman	Senior Trustee
Mrs. Stephen Craig	Junior Trustee
Section Chairmen:	
Garden Section	Mrs. John Murfett
Calif. History & Landmarks	Mrs. E. E. Timerhoff
Music Section	Mrs. Charles Lumpkin
Department Chairmen:	
Current Events	Mrs. Carl L. Randolph
Handcraft	Mrs. R. D. Sparks
Motion Pictures	Mrs. Charles Hoover
Radio	Mrs. Nellie White
Art	Mrs. DeForest Stoll
Child Welfare	Mrs. Leonard L. Moore

Standing Committee Chairmen

Mrs. Claude Bonner, Finance; Mrs. F. A. Tester, Membership; Mrs. W. G. Lewis, Press; Mrs. Harvey Moss, Hospitality; Mrs. Clarence Crane, Courtesy; Mrs. Robert N. McMaster, Decorations; Mrs. M. A. Hartnett, Philanthropy; Mrs. H. E. Riess, House; Mrs. Claude Bonner, Programs.

Special Committee Chairmen

Mrs. Geo. M. Needham, Historian; Mrs. Charles Lumpkin and Mrs. LeRoy Anderson (pianist), Music; Mrs. John Hostutler, Luncheon Tickets; Mrs. Robert Chambers, Boy Scout Troop #5. Mr. Robert Chambers acted as Scoutmaster and Mr. R. N. Dickinson, Chairman of the Men's Auxiliary.

Organization

The custom was established this year to contract for programs in four-month-groups instead of singly. Programs proved interesting and varied. Growing pains were beginning to be felt, so a committee was appointed to investigate expansion possibilities, Mrs. G. G. Meade, Chairman, and four hundred dollars was placed in the Building Fund. The effort to raise dues and entrance fee to five dollars each, failed. Forty new members were added, including three re-instated members.

Escort Night, Jolly Parties and Bridge Fashion Shows proved popular. A new department was formed under the leadership of Mrs. Wood Glover-- The International Relations Department. The group known as the Philanthropy Committee was developed into the Philanthropy & Welfare Department.

Annual Peach Blossom and Reciprocity Days were observed, and in April the golden anniversary of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs was celebrated. This year's Turf Club Ball, under Mrs. Stephen Craig, fulfilled its financial expectations and was a social success as well.

Section and Department Chairmen attended District conferences and made reports. Federation officers were guests of the Club. The President attended Presidents councils and conventions; Reciprocity Days of neighboring Clubs and reciprocated with her own.

Building--Grounds Maintenance

During the summer recess, the Clubhouse was renovated. New rugs were made for the foyer. In October, plans for extending the auditorium were discussed, and spotlights were bought for the stage.

Philanthropies

The newly formed Philanthropy Department under Mrs. M. A. Hartnett, served once monthly for local needy. In addition, the Red Cross furnished materials to make wearing apparel for Polish refugees. Another worthy and well supported endeavor was the "Bowl of Rice" dinner, proceeds of which went to the women and children of war-torn China. Mrs. Schwartzkopf's husband, Rudolf Schwartzkopf, was appointed local chairman by the National Chairman, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

Contributions were made to the Childrens Home Finding Society ($5.00), Community Chest ($5.00), Red Cross ($1.00), White Christmas ($5.00), Neighborhood School of Music ($5.00 by Music Department), Childrens Welfare Coordinating Council ($21.00). The Music Department also contributed $5.00 to the Metropolitan Opera Fund.

Youth Projects

Outside of the Club's regular twenty-five dollar gift and parties for its sponsored Boy Scout Troop, many other worthy programs were supported. A five dollar contribution was made to Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte High School "Children's Program", and a $5.00 contribution was made to The Arcadia Summer Camp Fund. Toys were gathered, which were rehabilitated by the local Fire Department. An innovation was the youth dances, under club sponsorship and chaperonage, which were designed to provide a suitable environment for young people. Popular musical bands were enjoyed, and attendance was large. This group later called itself "The Junior-Senior Footnighters."

Another project was the Club's cooperation with the local Parent-Teacher group in the presentation of the narrative-ballet "Pinocchio" at Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte High School. A Mother's Auxiliary to our Boy Scout Troop was formed. It was the first of its kind in Arcadia.

Civic Welfare

The Club kept its members informed on local and national political

matters. In addition, speakers, pro and con, were presented on Amendment #5 and on Arcadia racial restriction legislation. A resolution was sent to Mr. Bonnelli urging that no liquor store or advertisement to be allowed within five hundred feet of our recreation center. Another resolution was sent Arcadia City Council protesting the proposed Bridle Path down Santa Anita Drive, as detrimental to its beauty. In June a benefit dessert bridge was given, under chairmanship of Mrs. Stephen Craig, to aid the San Gabriel Valley Newspaperwomen in their drive for $2600.00 to buy an ambulance for use in France. A donation of seven dollars was made to the Chamber of Commerce toward the Fourth of July celebration in Recreation Park. The Garden Department sponsored an annual Flower Show.

Departments

All departments held monthly meetings, and aided the Club by presenting an annual program. California History & Landmarks pageant, written by its Chairman, Mrs. Timerhoff, was presented at the Club and later before District California History and Landmarks Department.

The Garden Department held its annual Flower Show and presented the Annual Peach Blossom Festival program. The newly re-activated Music Department presented highly interesting programs, with members participating in addition to outside speakers. The newly formed International Relations Department began its study of world affairs. The new Philanthropy and Welfare Department was extremely busy, sewing twice a week to fulfill the many needs created by the war in Europe.

Ways and Means

The fourth annual Turf Club Ball, under Mrs. Stephen Craig, was again a success. The Jolly parties under Mrs. Charles Hoover were well attended, and the bridge lessons given at these parties by Mrs. Claude Bonner added to the Treasury.

Mrs. Millspaugh worked unceasingly for the Club's benefit. During her two year regime, many of the brightest events of its accomplishments took place--the burning of the mortgage, making the Club one of the few mortgage-free clubs in the State; the organization of three new departments--namely, Music, International Relations, and Philanthropy & Welfare. Under her leadership, the Club's expanded philanthropies gave it an opportunity to do its share to serve the more unfortunate here and abroad.

Written by Lillian Ross

1940--1941
Mrs. Irene Stoker, President

Mrs. J. A. Stoker took the presidency in 1940-41, with the assistance of an able executive board. The members were:

Mrs. Wood Glover	First Vice-President
Mrs. G. H. Thomas	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Edwin E. Balling, Jr.	Recording Secretary
Mrs. E. J. Frentress	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Edgar T. Reid	Federation Secretary
Mrs. George L. Jones	Program Chairman
Mrs. Harvey Moss	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Stephen Craig	Senior Trustee
Mrs. Bert Morris	Junior Trustee
Miss Ruth Evans	Treasurer

Section Chairmen:

Garden Section	Mrs. John Murfett
Calif. History & Landmarks	Mrs. C. E. Hoover
Music Section	Mrs. Charles Lumpkin
International Relations	Mrs. Wood Glover

Department Chairmen:

Current Events	Mrs. Carl Randolph
Motion Pictures	Mrs. Robert Armstrong
Radio	Mrs. Nellie White
Art	Mrs. DeForest Stoll
Child Welfare	Mrs. Marguerite Whiteman
Legislation	Mrs. G. G. Meade

Standing Committees:

Finance	Mrs. Claude Bonner
Program	Mrs. George L. Jones
Press	Mrs. Charles Stewart
Hospitality	Mrs. Mark Millspaugh
Membership	Mrs. Horace Nichols
Philanthropy	Mrs. Robert McMaster
Decorations	Mrs. A. L. Parker
Co-chairman	Mrs. C. F. Ganther
Courtesy	Mrs. Lulu Reynolds
House	Mrs. G. H. Thomas

Special Committees:

Red Cross	Mrs. Bertha Lewis
Historian	Mrs. Emilie Timerhoff
Music	Mrs. Charles Lumpkin, singing
	Mrs. LeRoy Anderson, accompanist
Luncheon Tickets	Mrs. John Hostutler
Boy Scout Troop #5	Mrs. Bob Chambers
Scoutmaster	Mr. Bob Chambers
Chairman Men's Auxiliary	Mr. R. M. Dickinson
Luncheon Reservations	Mrs. Ella Owen

Organization

World War II was increasing in tempo. After the collapse of France in June of this year, Mussolini joined Hitler, and war was waged against the British in Africa. Hitler began the siege of Britain, and later war spread through the Balkans.

Because of the spread of suffering abroad, a Red Cross Committee was established, which filled Red Cross requests for needed articles.

Even though occupied with war work, the Club's progress and development was not neglected. Attention was focused on the building and the need for more space because of increased membership; further renovation, inside and out; insurance, liability and workman's compensation; taxes and social security (our number is 95-1385699).

There were two "firsts". (1) To lighten the work of the membership, a cateress was engaged. Luncheons were served by members at the first, or business, meeting for twenty-five cents, and at the second, or program, meeting by the cateress for fifty-five cents. Members were urged to bring guests to program meetings, rather than to business meetings. The other innovation was a specified sum earmarked for the use of the Program Chairman. It was decided to outline and secure the whole year's program during the summer.

The year opened with the traditional membership tea. Annual Peach Blossom Day was observed, and the fifth annual Turf Club Ball, under Mrs. Clara Morris, was well attended. Federation officers were guests and speakers on Federation Day and during the year. Our Club reciprocated again this year, hosting many neighboring clubs.

Escort night was enjoyed and well attended. Again an effort to raise the dues, this time to a total of five dollars, failed. An all-time high of 94 new members was reached.

Federation

Federation Day was observed in February with Mrs. Thomas H. Richards, State President, speaker. Another honored guest was Mrs. Oscar Elurum, State Federation Chairman. One of our Juniors, Mrs. William D. Gibbs, was elected District President of the Juniors.

Mrs. Stoker attended Presidents Councils, District and State Conventions and many District conferences. She was a 100% President.

Building, Grounds and Maintenance

The floors throughout the building were refinished. Walls were redecorated, and chair rails extended. New looks were purchased for outside doors. A new locker was installed in the storeroom to house Red Cross sewing supplies. Trees and shrubs were pruned, and the sprinkler system changed.

The problem was how to expand. The Building Committee, under Mrs. G. G. Meade, studied possibilities of extending and enlarging the auditorium; of adding a wing, and of extending the building to the east. The Club voted almost unanimously, on March 5, 1941, to improve the Club House

by adding a solarium on the east and to enlarge the foyer approximately 50 feet to the west. Plans, specifications and estimates followed, the final estimated cost was given as $2735.00 by C. P. Cassidy, local builder who built the present building, and $3000.00 was borrowed. After the work of the Building Committee was completed, Mrs. Stoker asked them to continue to serve, acting as Decoration Committee. A new davenport, new draperies and venetian blinds were purchased for the new foyer.

Philanthropies

The Philanthropy Committee was busily engaged in sewing and knitting articles according to patterns submitted by the Red Cross, Children's Home Finding Society, Community Chest, Neighborhood School of Music (by the Music Department), Veterans at Sawtelle, Rancho Los Amigos, and Arcadia Community Christmas Tree fund.

Many gifts of canned foods were brought to the annual White Christmas Breakfast, for distribution to Arcadia needy, and the usual exchange of personal gifts by members was abandoned. Mmes. McMasters and Durborrow distributed gifts, provided by members among the Veterans at Sawtelle.

Youth Projects

Club facilities were made available to the Boy Scouts for their annual party, and the usual financial contribution. The Club sponsored a new group--Brownie Pack #1, Girl Scouts. Bought them a troop flag, and paid the yearly dues of their leader and her assistant. The Club co-operated with the Girl Scouts Garden Tour in May, by aiding them in the sale of tickets.

Civic Welfare

Because of traffic hazards and congestion there, the Chamber of Commerce was urged to install signals at First Street and Huntington Drive. The City Council was urged to improve and beautify the parking along the Pacific Electric right-of-way from the westerly city limits to Holly Avenue.

Sections

These groups followed the usual custom of providing an annual program. For its annual program, the Music Section chose a most novel table decor. The titles of old songs were developed in flowers and accessories, some themes being: "Old MacDonald's Farm", "A Tisket, A Tasket", "Take Me Out to the Ball Game", "School Days", and many others. Members were asked to guess the names of the songs and a prize was awarded to the member or guest guessing the most titles. In addition, the Section staged a show "Ye Olde Time Concert" to aid Ways and Means.

The Garden Section held its annual Flower Show and for Peach Blossom Festival presented "Mirandy" for its annual program.

All Chairmen attended District conferences and made regular reports to the Club. Each Section held its regular monthly meeting. Some held picnics at the year's end, and others held pot-luck dinners, with husbands as guests.

Ways and Means

At noon, on the first Thursday of each month, the Club held "Open House" parties. Members brought guests, had dessert and card games--admission twenty-five cents. All projects were aimed at building up the fund for expansion of the premises. Events which aided materially were the "Jolly Parties" under Mrs. Claude Bonner, the Annual Turf Club Ball, under Mrs. Clara Morris, a breakfast and style show and a "Night in Hawaii", under Mrs. Charles Willey. The week of May 5th work started. Mrs. Charles Willey was chairman of a "dedication" party to be held at the Club House June 28th, upon the completion of the new foyer and solarium. Proceeds of "Ye Olde Time Concert", given by the Music Section, also went into Ways and Means.

Financial Status

The Club started with a balance of $144.81; gross receipts were $3306.77--gross disbursements were $2746.70, leaving a balance of $560.07. There was a $3000.00 mortgage on the new extensions.

Written by Lillian Ross

1941--1942
Mrs. J. A. Stoker, President

Mrs. J. A. Stoker started her second year with her Executive Board:

Mrs. Wood Glover	First Vice-President
Mrs. E. J. Frentress	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. George L. Jones	Program Chairman
Mrs. Harvey Moss	Parliamentarian
Miss Ruth Evans	Treasurer
Mrs. Helen Jean Zinn	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Charles Van Ausdol	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Stephen Craig	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Bert Morris	Senior Trustee
Mrs. Clarence Crane	Junior Trustee

Section Chairmen

Garden Section	Mrs. John Murfett
Calif. History & Landmarks	Mrs. C. E. Hoover
Music Section	Mrs. Charles Lumpkin
Accompanist	Mrs. LeRoy Anderson
International Relations	Mrs. John P. Ross

Department Chairmen

Drama	Mrs. Ross Babcock
American Citizenship	Mrs. Loren Casper
Indian Welfare	Mrs. Earl Kudell
Ligislation & Tax Measures	Mrs. Arthur Brandes
Motion Pictures	Mrs. Ray Allen Young
Radio	Mrs. Nellie White
Current Events	Mrs. Ray Dickinson

Standing Committees:
Mrs. Charles Willey, Finance; Mrs. George L. Jones, Programs; Mrs. Charles Stewart, Press; Mrs. Mark Millspaugh, Hospitality; Mrs. Horace Nichols, Membership; Mrs. H. E. Riess, Philanthropy; Mrs. A. L. Parker and Mrs. C. L. Ganther, Decorations; Mrs. B. E. Rubottom, Courtesy; and Mrs. Helen Zinn, House.

Special Committees:
Mrs. Margaret McMaster, Red Cross; Mrs. Bertha Lewis, Historian; Mrs. Laura Hostutler, Luncheon Tickets; Mrs. Emma D. Meade, Boy Scout Troop #5; Bob Chambers, Scoutmaster; R. M. Dickinson, Men's Auxiliary; Mrs. E. G. Beynon, Brownie Troop.

Organizational Progress

Took out Liability and Workman's Conpensation insurance. Bought two defense bonds. Annual Peach Blossom Festival was held and two flower shows. Honorary memberships were given to Mmes. A. L. Parker, James A. Stoker, and C. B. Sumwalt. The dues were raised from three to five dollars. Forty-six new members were added. Philanthropy chairmen allowed to carry on work as a Section, due to relief sewing and knitting. Solarium opened one day weekly to public to sew on Red Cross articles.

Building and Grounds Maintenance

Black-out curtains, public address system and new lawn mower were bought. Necessary replacements were made in the kitchen. Music Section gave upright piano to Club; American flag given by Mrs. White, flag pole and installation by Mr. and Mrs. Morris; heavy luncheon tables were sold, and lighter weight ones bought using these funds as partial payment.

Federation

Two members served as District Chairmen--Mrs. Charles Lumpkin, Music, and Augusta Barnard, Indian Welfare. Mrs. William Gibbs, a Junior, was State Vice-President of Juniors. Federation Day honored Mrs. E. Munger, District Vice-President and Mrs. P. E. Willis, Federation Extension, Mrs. Oscar Elverum, Jr., Past Vice-President of District guest speaker, and later installation officers. Sent check to National Federation celebrating its Golden Jubilee.

Philanthropy

Contributed to Second Red Cross Drive; Children's Home Finding Society; United China Relief Fund, Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, Fresh Air Fund and Arcadia Community Christmas Fund. Members of this Section, together with non-members, sewed and knitted twice weekly on Red Cross articles. Gifts brought for "White Christmas" and personal exchange of gifts foregone. Contributed toward black-out curtains for "Hospitality Center", recently opened for service men station here.

War Service

On Woman's Club night, the Club agreed to donate cream, sugar and coffee to the newly established U.S.O., located in the old Boy Scout House. Members acted as hostesses and chaperons, and provided cake, cookies, and fruit juices. Members opened their homes to entertain service men, wives of officers were welcomed to the Club. Mrs. Charles Stewart had charge of Defense Bond sales. Speakers on programs explained methods of defense against bombings, etc.

Youth Projects

The new Brownie Troop was granted use of solarium for its meetings. Annual banquet and check given Boy Scouts, and cooperated with PTA in a spring party. In February, Scouts held exhibition of their gear, handcraft and insignia in foyer.

Civic Welfare

Club House placed at disposal of Red Cross as a Casualty center.

Departments

A Fall and Spring Flower Show was held by the Garden Section. Together with Decorating Committee, Section presented a Camellia to the Club. Music Section raised money by "taking over" Gateway Theater for an evening. With the proceeds, bought and presented an upright piano to the Club. Contributed to Neighborhood School of Music. California History and Landmarks Section protested to Assemblyman Bashor the discontinuance of the California Historical Society. Contributed a check to be applied on the mortgage. International Relations Section, with other Sections, provided an annual program, sent its Chairman to District Conferences and reported at Club meetings.

Ways and Means

Mrs. Charles Willey, Chairman of another financially successful Turf Club Ball. "Swing-out", a three-act comedy, featuring local talent, under her chairmanship, was sponsored as a Ways and Means project.

This was the year of Pearl Harbor and the tragic loss of the Phillipines. Members following their leader, found themselves engaging in more and more war work. Social events continued under a cloud of war, which was reflected in every program. These were anxious days for the Club. Mrs. Stoker, during this year's beginning, turned all the Club's efforts toward the less fortunate in an effort to discharge, in small part, its obligation to humanity.

Written by Lillian Ross

1942--1943

Mrs. May Glover, President

Mrs. Wood Glover took office as President in June, 1942, with the following board:

Mrs. E. T. Reid	First Vice-President
Mrs. C. F. Ganther	Second Vice-President
(Appointed to fill the vacancy of Mrs. Kenyon Zinn, due to the latter's health.)	
Mrs. George L. Jones	Recording Secretary
Mrs. George M. Needham	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Stephen Craig	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Arthur Brandes	Treasurer
Mrs. Rose Babcock	Parliamentarian
Mrs. John P. Ross	Program Chairman
(Appointed to fill the vacancy of Mrs. Fred Flowers, leaving the City.)	
Mrs. Clarence Crane	Senior Trustee
Mrs. A. L. Parker	Junior Trustee

Department Chairmen:

American Citizenship	Mrs. L. L. Casper
Legislation & Tax Measures	Mrs. Ray M. Dickinson
Youth Welfare	Mrs. E. E. Balling
Institutions	Mrs. M. D. Cooperider
Motion Pictures	Mrs. Ray A. Young
Drama	Mrs. Logan Lindley
Bible	Mrs. Augusta Barnard
Chairman at Large	Miss Ruth E. Evans

Chairmen of Standing Committees:

Mrs. Arthur Brandes, Finance; Mrs. C. F. Ganther, Membership; Mrs. John P. Ross, Programs and Press; Mrs. James Stoker, Hospitality; Mrs. A. E. Gruben, Door; Mrs. Elizabeth Ingram, Courtesy; Mrs. Paul Edwards, Decorations; Mrs. Mark Millspaugh, Philanthropy; Mrs. John Renshaw, Civic Welfare; Mrs. Clarence Crane, House; Mrs. C. F. Ganther, Rentals.

Special Committees:

Mrs. Harry Russell, War Service Committee; Mrs. B. R. Charles, Red Cross Publicity; Mrs. Edward Kaurin, Red Cross Sewing Unit; Mrs. Wood Glover, U.S.O. & Hospitality for Servicemen & families; Mrs. Bert Morris, Canteen; Mrs. C. W. Stewart, Office of Civilian Defense--Women's Division; Mrs. Fred M. Gamroth, Woman's Exchange, Mutual Help; Mrs. Ray A. Young, Social; Mrs. LeRoy Anderson, Music Accompanist; Mrs. E. J. Frentress, Historian; Mrs. Philip A. Libby, Boy Scout Troop #5; Bob Chambers, Scout Master; Mrs. E. G. Benyon, Brownie Troop; Mrs. E. T. Reid, Luncheon Reservations; Mrs. John E. Hostutler, Tickets.

Organizational Progress

Decided against allowing chairs and other equipment to leave the building except in the case it was used by Sections. Duties of the Trustees were the maintenance of house and grounds, and Second Vice-President

was in charge of rentals. House rules were posted in the kitchen for the benefit of members and renters.

Among "firsts" instituted by the President were:

(1) A Chairman-at-Large, who attended District Meetings when Chairmen were unable to do so.

(2) A Civic Welfare Committee was appointed, charged with welcoming newcomers to Arcadia.

(3) "The Commentator", a forerunner of our present Bulletin.

Insured the Club against war damage and petitioned O.P.A. for a Ration Board in Arcadia. The Social Committee was reactivated, whose "What Next" parties, held in members' homes, bolstered Ways and Means.

The Board decided to allow former members to rejoin without payment of entrance fees, and also to admit Federated Club Women of other Clubs, in good standing, without entrance fee.

With the influx of soldiers at Camp Santa Anita, the old Hospitality Center was found inadequate by the U.S.O., and the Club members decided to rent the Club House to that organization, under their terms, for the duration and three months thereafter, to serve as a social center for service men. Possession was taken on March 15, 1943. Judge LeRoy Anderson acted as legal advisor in all matters for the Club. Club meetings were arranged to begin at 11:00 A.M. and end at 2:00 P.M., when the Club House was available to soldiers, and most department meetings thereafter were held in members' homes.

Inventories were made. Furniture, pictures, rugs, draperies, loud speaker system, and the grand piano were placed in storage. The upright piano was moved into the auditorium. The better china was stored on the premises. Under U.S.O. occupancy, the foyer became the writing and reception room; the auditorium the dance hall, and the solarium the game and cloak room.

Later, because of unforeseen and unavoidable conflicts, the membership decided in April to hold but one monthly meeting, the first Wednesday, for the duration--assembling at 11:00 A.M.

Federation

Three new department chairmen were added: Youth Welfare, Institutions, and Bible. Mrs. Charles Lumpkin again District Music Chairman, and in that capacity directed Districts Yuletide Pageant. Many State and District officers were feted. Mrs. Benjamin F. Warner, State Chairman of Health and Nutrition, and White House representative; Mrs. Melba Hunt, State Chairman of Music, appeared on Music Day's program, together with District Chairman Mrs. Lumpkin. Mrs. C. H. O'Neal, District President, was guest on Reciprocity and Federation Day program. Mrs. Mary Sherwood, Past President of District, was June installing officer. Mrs. Reynolds, District Chairman "Child Welfare", Mrs. Leither, District Garden Chairman, District Bible Chairman Mrs. Schultz, and Mrs. May Ralston, District Drama Chairman.

At the beginning of the year, Federation Secretary, Mrs. Craig, called a meeting of all Section and Dept. Chairmen and Chairmen of Standing Committees at her home to discuss and formulate plans.

Building, Grounds Maintenance

Necessary renovation, inside and outside the Club, was done during the summer.

Youth Projects

The usual party, gifts, and check were given the Scouts. Brownies granted the use of the building. Scout Lumpkin and Brownie Perrine participated in the Patriotic Theme, which opened the year's programs.

Philanthropies

Contributions were made to the March of Dimes, Seeing Eye Dog Fund, Salvation Army and Student Nurse Fund.

War Service

The Club was again open to the public twice weekly, when members and residents, under Mrs. Kaurine, made articles for the Red Cross. Members spent many hours at the City Hall making surgical bandages. A metal salvage drive was conducted early in the year. Used birthday and Christmas cards were collected for Navy Mothers. Members were asked to rent extra rooms in their homes to families of service men stationed at Camp Santa Anita. Members and husbands attended Victory Gardening classes, held in public schools.

Again staffed the U.S.O. with hostesses, on our night, and donated coffee, cream, and sugar. Hostesses donated cakes, cookies, and sandwiches. Record kept of all hours members spent in any form of war service. Dr. B. R. Charles donated a full bed sized electro magnetic blanket for sale. Proceeds went toward purchase of Red Cross Station Wagon.

The Club sponsored a student nurse, Miss Helen Godman, a Chaffee Jr. College student, with two years pre-nursing training. All sections and many members made individual contributions toward the $250.00 fund. The Club opened the building to all local organizations engaged in war work for meetings; to the Office of Civilian Defense, and was again designated a casualty center. Further stocks were added. A six-weeks course for Staff Assistants was given at the Club. A Junior member, Miss Virginia Hostutler, served in the WAVES, and a senior member, Mrs. Bertha Durborrow, served in the WACS.

Civic Welfare

Inasmuch as civic welfare work this year was so closely related to war service, the Club's activities and contributions are listed there.

Departments

Garden held a flower show and celebrated Peach Blossom Day Festival for annual program. Mrs. White gave away flowering peach trees from her parent plant, to holders of lucky numbers. Home grown vegetables and fruits were sold along with the usual plants.

An original play "Seven Songs for Susie" was the Music Section's program, members enacting seven songs. They also formed a chorus. California History and Landmarks also gave a home talent program and studied California cities and their romances for the year. International Relations year's study, as well as annual program, laid stress on the Pacific Area.

Ways and Means

Printed advertisements on paper napkins provided a new source of income. Was aided by "What Next" parties.

Another anxious year, with defeats in the Pacific and elsewhere. The only bright spot was Casablanca. A patriotic theme set the stage for the year's program. Before the curtains were drawn, Mmes. Trew, Bon Eske and Beynon sang "America". The curtains parted and a V for Victory stood at the back of the stage. Mrs. Casper in Red Cross uniform read "My Flag and Your Flag". Colors were presented by Sgt. Graf, Headquarters Battery, 35th Division Artillery, United States Army, accompanied by representatives of the United States Navy, 2nd Class Petty Officer Jack Dahl; Lieut. Jessie Stewart, Chaplain Woman's Ambulance & Defense Corps; Catherine Perrine, Brownie Troop #2; and Bobby Lumpkin, Boy Scout Troop #5.

It was necessary to dismiss the cateress because of lack of ration points, and Escorts Night had to be cancelled.

Mrs. Glover presided at all Board meetings, missing only one Club meeting because of attending a convention. She attended all Presidents Conferences, and District and State Conventions. She was appointed to serve on the Executive Committee of the Woman's Civic Conference, and was elected by the U.S.O. to serve as Vice-President of the U.S.O. Council, and as Chairman of Senior Hostesses.

Everyone was under pressure; nevertheless, the membership laid aside the lighter side of life and accepted the challenge of war. They rejoiced in the thought that they shared their Club with men in uniform, and in the thought that they may have provided a homelike atmosphere for those so far from their own hearths.

Upon her re-election, Mrs. Glover urged continued efforts during the summer months, and pledged another year of service to others.

Written by Lillian Ross

1943--1944

Mrs. May Glover, President

Mrs. Wood Glover entered her second year as President with:

Mrs. Harry Russell	First Vice-President
Mrs. C. F. Ganther	Second Vice-President
Mrs. L. L. Cooper	Recording Secretary
Mrs. George Needham	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Ray A. Young	Federation Secretary
Mrs. E. T. Reid	Treasurer
Mrs. John P. Ross	Program Chairman
Mrs. E. J. Frentress	Parliamentarian
Mrs. A. L. Parker	Trustee
Mrs. Augusta Barnard	Trustee

Section Chairmen:

Mrs. C. F. Van Ausdol	Garden
Mrs. E. J. Frentress	Music
Mrs. B. E. Rubottom	California History & Landmarks
Mrs. John P. Ross	International Relations

Department Chairmen:

Mrs. E. W. Leeper	American Citizenship
Mrs. Robert Lane	Child Welfare
Mrs. R. M. Dickinson	Legislation & Tax Measurers
Mrs. R. H. Kinnison	Motion Pictures
Mrs. Edwin Gonter	Radio

Standing Committees:

Mrs. E. T. Reid, Finance; Mrs. Earl H. Dettra, Membership; Mrs. John P. Ross, Program; Mrs. George L. Jones, Reporter; Mrs. John P. Ross, Publicity; Mrs. G. S. Spragins, Press Book; Mrs. Clarence Crane, Hospitality; Mrs. A. E. Gruben, Door; Mrs. J. H. Lindell, Courtesy; Mrs. Mark Millspaugh, Philanthropy; Mrs. Wood Glover, Civic Welfare; Mrs. Charles Lumpkin, Music; Mrs. B. J. Morris, Social; Mrs. L. L.Casper, Historian.

Special Committees:

Mrs. Harry Russell, War Service; Mrs. Edward Kaurin, Red Cross Sewing Unit; Mrs. George Lietz, U. S. O. Refreshments; Mrs. Augusta Barnard, Hospita lity to Service men and families; Mrs. C. W. Stewart, Office of Civilian Defense Women's Division; Mrs. J. D. Stanley, Surgical Dressings; Miss Ruth Evans, Student Nurse; Mrs. Glen Watson, Red Cross Canteen; Mrs. Raymond Kennett, Luncheon Reservations; Mrs. J. E. Hostutler, Luncheon Tickets; Mrs. Price, Luncheons; Mrs. Philip A. Libby, Boy Scout Troop #5; Bob Chamers, Scoutmaster; Mrs. E. J. Beynon, Brownie Troop.

Organizational Progress

The building was still occupied by the U. S. O. It was decided this year to hold the Board meetings on the Monday immediately preceding the

first Wednesday monthly meeting. Because of continued rationing, light luncheons of salad or hot dish, rolls and coffee should be served. Mrs. Price was appointed Luncheon Chairman.

Members assembled on the first Wednesday only, for the duration, at 11:00 A. M. A committee of members served the luncheons. Programs were presented at 1:00 P. M., and business was conducted at 2:00 P. M., so that the building would be free for the use of service men by 3:30 P. M., under the U. S. O. contract terms. Because of having but one meeting, changes had to be made in the election schedule.

Additional insurance was purchased, necessitated by the additional hazards resulting from increased use of the premises by the U. S. O. An appraisal of $14,000.00 was placed on the building by Messrs. Geo. Spragins and A. L. Parker. Insurance to total $10,000.00 was bought and charged to the U. S. O. At the end of the year, $600.00 was paid on the mortgage.

Emphasis this year was placed upon co-operation with other local Women's groups, and each meeting honored one or more of them. There was Red Cross Day; a day when presidents of Church Guilds were honored; Scout Troop and Brownies together with our own Juniors were feted; American Legion Auxiliary and Women's Division of Service Clubs; Representatives of Fraternal groups, the Santa Anita Athletic Club.

The final luncheon meeting highlighted new members and those members whose attendance at Club meetings was 100%.

Homecoming Day opened the year and honored Past Presidents. The Tea had to be abandoned because of the War, and Escorts Night had to be celebrated elsewhere. This was a combined pot luck dinner, dance and card party. War savings stamps were given as prizes. A new feature this year was an open meeting, held at Holly Avenue School. Featured speaker was Dr. Chen of U. S. C.

Club talent was again featured. Mrs. Claire Charles spoke on "Woman of Tomorrow", and Mrs. Harry Russell spoke on two occasions; once on the Blood Procurement program and later on the MacMillan Bill. Mmes. Lumpkin and Anderson appeared as two of three artists on Music Day program.

Because of the abundance and spectacular bloom of camellias, the Club voted to observe the first Wednesday in February as Camellia Day.

Federation

Mrs. Glover attended all Presidents Conferences and all District Councils, also District and State Conventions. District California History and Landmarks Chairman, Mrs. F. F. Broiles, appeared as guest and speaker on California History and Landmarks annual program. Mrs. C. H. O'Neal, District Past President, was guest speaker on Reciprocity Day.

Religious Projects

Christmas Day program was a highly inspirational one. Captain Robinson, Chaplain of Camp Santa Anita, was luncheon speaker, and the afternoon program depicted "The City of David" then and now. Wives of our clergymen were guests of honor. Mrs. Harry Russell spoke on the MacMillan

Bill which related to the teaching of religious subjects in public schools.

Building and Ground Maintenance

Necessary kitchen utensils were replaced. A new pots and pans cupboard was installed by Mr. Needham. Screens were repaired; the outside woodwork painted; the lawn renovated and sprinkler system repaired; hedges were trimmed and a new hose purchased. All repairs and replacements not covered by our contract with U. S. O. were effected. In the spring, Board members cleaned the venetian blinds and windows, and laundered curtains. Mrs. Pearl Schermerhorn donated a new flag to replace our old one, which was too badly worn to use.

Philanthropies

Contributions were made to the Childrens Home Finding Society and the Salvation Army. Other donations appear under War Service.

War Service

The Club sponsored a Day Room at Camp Santa Anita. Furnishings were donated by the membership. A committee furnished and decorated a Christmas tree for the room, and collected fruitcakes and candies from members to have on the table at all times. Wives of servicemen were again invited to attend Club meetings.

Members invited service men into their homes on festive as well as other occasions. The fourth Monday night monthly was called "Birthday Night" for servicemen, and gifts were collected during the month by Mrs. Lietz to be distributed that evening. Crossword puzzles were collected for the wounded, books were donated for the library at Birmingham Hospital; old records and jewelry were gathered, and many gifts were donated to Mrs. Libby, whose Junior Red Cross was filling Christmas stockings for hospitalized men and women.

The Garden Section completed a total of 41 knee robes for the convalescent, from the sales of camellia blooms and camellia plants, and in addition gave $10.00 to the Junior Red Cross. The special cards printed for that purpose, showed a year's total of 14,040 hours devoted to war work by members; 402 servicemen hosted in members homes; accommodations found for families of over 300 servicemen; approximately $20,000.00 war bonds sold, and two $100.00 war bonds bought by the Club.

Christmas contributions went to two seeing-eye dogs for blind men, and the balance of the Nurse's Fund was paid. Members again served as hostesses on Women's Club Night. Coffee, cream and sugar was supplied by the Club, and cookies, cakes and sandwiches by the hostesses. It was estimated 10,000 servicemen used the facilities of the Club.

Youth Projects

Two new groups were added; a Camp Fire Girls group, and the Junior Red Cross. The usual $25.00 gift went to Boy Scout Troop and on May Day a combined party for the Brownies and Camp Fire Girls was held, complete with maypole and May Day Songs, led by Mrs. Lumpkin.

Civic Welfare

Again this year, this Club, like all other local groups, concentrated their energies on supporting those projects designed to win the war.

Departments

California History and Landmarks Section's annual program featured District Chairman Mrs. Broiles and Orpha Klinker, noted artist, and for the year's program they studied California gems. Music Department presented Reciprocity Day program for its Annual obligation, and closed its year by attending final concert of Jan Garber Symphony Orchestra. International Relations presented Senor Duenas, who spoke on trade relations between the two Americas. Garden Section bent all efforts on knee robes for wounded servicemen. No flower show this year. Section Chairmen attended their District Conferences whenever gasoline rationing permitted.

Ways and Means

Maintained no Ways and Means Committee this year.

War tempo was increasing. We were gaining in the Pacific, Germany was losing in Europe. Conferences between the leaders of the United States, Great Britain, France and China were held in European Areas. Service to others was again our prime concern. Bending all efforts in that direction, and with the whole hearted co-operation of the membership, Mrs. Glover fulfilled her pledge of another year of service to others.

Written by Lillian Ross

1944-1945

Mrs. Harry Russell, President

Mrs. Harry W. Russell took office in June with the following Board:

Mrs. John P. Ross	First Vice-President
Mrs. C. F. Ganther	Second Vice-President
Mrs. L. L. Casper	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Earl H. Dettra	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Ray Allen Young	Federation Secretary
Mrs. E. T. Reid	Treasurer
Mrs. E. J. Frentress	Program Chairman
Mrs. E. E. Leeper	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Augusta Barnard	Trustee
Mrs. George Lietz	Trustee

Section Chairmen:

Garden Section	Mrs. R. L. Werner
Music Section	Mrs. LeRoy Anderson
Calif. History & Landmarks	Mrs. John Renshaw
International Relations	Mrs. Wood Glover

Department Chairmen:

American Citizenship	Mrs. J. H. Lindell
Legislation & Tax Measures	Mrs. Arthur Brandes
Motion Pictures, Radio	Mrs. Wood Glover
Bible	Mrs. Clarke Breeze
Literature	Mrs. Eugene Harpole

Standing Committees:

Mrs. E. T. Reid, Finance; Mrs. Raymond M. Kennett, Membership; Mrs. C. W. Stewart, Press; Mrs. E. J. Frentress, Program; Mrs. Wood Glover, Hospitality; Mrs. C. H. Williams, Door; Miss Florence Reynolds, Courtesy; Mrs. E. J. Frentress, Philanthropy; Mrs. Harry Russell, Civic Welfare; Mrs. Rodney Tacott, Music; Mrs. C. F. Van Ausdol, Decorating; Mrs. L. L. Casper, Historian; Mrs. Kenneth B. Leslie, Ways and Means; Mrs. John P. Ross, Special War Service; Mrs. Edward Kaurin, Red Cross Sewing; Mrs. C. W. Stewart, Office of Civilian Defense; Mrs. J. W. Standly, Surgical Dressings; Mrs. C. G. Messenger, Luncheon; Mrs. A. E. Gruben, Reservations; Mrs. George Lietz, Tickets; Mrs. Philip Libby, Youth Cooperation; Bob Chambers, Scoutmaster; Mrs. E. J. Beynon, Brownie Troop; Mrs. A. V. Austin, Camp Fire Girls.

Organizational Progress

This was the first year a definite rental schedule was adopted. The custodian was given 20% of all rentals in addition to his salary, to compensate for extra duties. The Board decided to return to the third Wednesday meetings, abandoned during the war. These meetings were devoted to Ways and Means projects. Fire Insurance was reduced upon the withdrawal of the U.S.O. By-laws were revised, and standing rules included within them. Returned again to the traditional membership tea to open the year, and Escorts Night.

Federation

In October, Section and Department chairmen and officers were guests at a luncheon given at the Club by Mmes. Russell and Young. The purpose being to stimulate interest in Federation work. Each Chairman and officer gave an outline of and objective for her year's work.

A new Section--Drama--was formed, chaired by Mrs. Rodney Talcott. Two new departments were added--Literature and Bible. Supported the stand by Los Angeles District not to disband that body. Mrs. Richard M. White, District International Relations Chairman, was guest speaker on that Section's Annual program. Mrs. John A. Hunt, District Music Chairman, spoke on Music Day. Two members, Mmes. Talcott and Russell, were featured speakers at District Headquarters.

Religious Projects

The Bible Chairman presented interesting talks on Women in the Bible during the luncheon period. At Christmas time, clergymen were guests.

Buildings and Ground Maintenance

Extensive repairs and replacements were necessary upon termination of U.S.O. occupancy. All those not covered by the contract were effected by the Club. The Board ruled against allowing any furniture or equipment to be taken from the building. Mrs. Messenger, Luncheon Chairman, was empowered to use Club ration points to stock a provision cupboard for luncheon committees. Mrs. Russell showed the membership the gavel Mrs. Leeper made and gave to the Club.

Proceeds from a play given by the Drama Section were earmarked for improvement of the stage. Later on, backdrop and wing curtains, false ceiling and spotlight were purchased.

Philanthropies

Contributed to Children's Home Finding Society, Seeing-Eye Dog Fund, Santa Anita Sanitorium, March of Dimes, Red Cross.

War Service

Congressmen written relative to the Japanese out of California for the duration; also that we favored the Jackson Bill. A contribution was made to the D.A.V. for the rehabilitation of disabled soldiers. The Junior Red Cross, under Mrs. Libby, again filled Christmas stockings for convalescent servicemen. Filled 50 socks at Christmas for the servicemen at Spadra.

Red Cross sewing days were continued under Mrs. Kaurin. On the Social Wednesday, many members, not interested in card games, made up scrap books of various sorts--comics, crossword puzzles, scientific articles, and "continued stories". In April a drive for used clothing for allied countries was sponsored. Members sorted and packed two thousand pounds of clothing in solarium.

Youth Projects

Sponsored Boy Scout Troop #5, Brownie Troop #2, and Camp Girls, and made the usual contributions. Boys presented a program on one of the "Fun" Wednesdays.

Civic Welfare

Election issues were discussed pro and con.

Departments

Because of the Club's financial status, the sections decided to pay for their programs in full. International Relations presented Mrs. Richard M. White, District Chairman. Mrs. Nichols narrated "Ten Stepping Stones of History," celebrating History and Landmarks 10th birthday, on their annual program. Drama presented "Bang Goes Christmas", under the direction of Mrs. Talcott, netting $90.00. Later these thespians gave "Rising With Grace", after the Country Fair, to aid Ways and Means. After studying "La Boheme", members of the Music Section attended the performance of that opera in Pasadena. Garden held its traditional flower show and Peach Blossom Festival, featuring "Mirandy".

Ways and Means

Upon the withdrawal of the U.S.O. in August, the Club was without any revenue. During the summer, the Board "catered" several dinners, which later became known as "Board Projects". The Third Wednesday was party day--"Just for Fun". There was a program, 75¢ salad luncheon table and door prizes--all that and ration coupons, too.

The most profitable Ways and Means project was the "Country Fair". Each Section decorated a booth. Garden sold plants, seeds, flowers. California History and Landmarks sold cooked food; Music sold aprons and needlework; International Relations conducted a "White Elephant" booth, and Drama presented "Rising With Grace". We even had a fortune teller, "Gypsy Rose" (Mrs. Gamroth). Later, a rummage sale and blanket club added to the Treasury.

There was no convention this year, but Mrs. Russell attended all Presidents conferences and District Councils.

The Country Fair, Mrs. Russell's idea, proved in its initial trial, to be a great success, clearing $576.17. As usual, even after a delayed start, rentals proved the backbone of the treasury, netting $774.00. Ways and Means exceeded expectations.

Because of the indebtedness on our building, and starting the year without any income, much credit goes to the ingenuity and resourcefulness of Mrs. Russell in planning so successful a year.

Written by Lillian Ross

1945--1946

Mrs. John P. Ross, President

The years of 1945 and 1946 found Mrs. John P. Ross at the helm of The Woman's Club of Arcadia, ably assisted by her executive board:

Mrs. Ray Allen Young,	First Vice-President
Mrs. Charles Lumpkin	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Ben Kessinger	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Loren L. Casper	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Wallace Dressler	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Kenneth Leslie	Treasurer
Mrs. Harry Russell	Program Chairman
Mrs. Ernest Leeper	Parliamentarian
Mrs. George Leitz	Trustee
Mrs. Charles Ganther	Trustee

Department Chairmen: Garden, Mrs. Earl Dettra; Music, Mrs. Charles Lumpkin; California History and Landmarks, Mrs. John Renshaw; International Relations, Mrs. Wood Glover; Drama, Mrs. Rodney D. Talcott.

Federation Chairmen: American Citizenship, Mrs. Wood Glover; Legislation and Tax Measures, Mrs. Gregory Chase; Motion Pictures, Mrs. W. King Larocque; Radio, Mrs. Harold Slater; Bible, Mrs. Clarke Breeze; Literature, Mrs. Charles L. Johnson.

Standing Committees and Budget: Finance, Mrs. Kenneth Leslie; Ways and Means, Mrs. Ray H. Kinnison; Membership, Mrs. C. G. Messenger; Program, Mrs. Harry Russell; Publicity, Mrs. Roger Miller; Press Book, Mrs. Arthur Brandes; Club Accompanist, Mrs. LeRoy Anderson; Decorating, Mrs. Homer Brown; Historian, Mrs. J. E. Vanderbur; Hospitality, Mrs. Harry Russell; House, Mrs. Charles Lumpkin; Courtesy, Mrs. George Spragins; Philanthropy, Mrs. E. J. Frentress; Door, Mrs. Paul Kennedy; Special War Committee, Mrs. Ray Allen Young.

Organizational Progress

Under the able guidance of Mrs. Ross the organizational progress of the club was remarkable. The growth of the membership an all time high of 79 new members, a 38% increase, with Mrs. C. G. Messenger as membership chairman. The dues were increased to $10.00 per annum and entrance fees to $10.00. For the first time in the history of the club, the Junior Woman's Club officers and agenda were listed in the Senior Club's year book.

A club budget was set up and presented to the membership, which voted adoption. The highlight of the year was the payment in full of the $1340 indebtedness on the clubhouse and grounds. The ceremony of burning the mortgage was held the afternoon of June 5, 1946. The farsightedness of Mrs. Ross in presenting the club's first budget and promoting the purposes for which we were organized has been most beneficial in club management for those succeeding her.

At the last regular club meeting of the year, the crowning event of the year took place. The ceremony of burning the mortgage of the clubhouse and grounds. A huge bronze bowl, given by Mrs. C. W. Stewart was used for the event. The mortgage was placed in the bowl, a lighted candle, symbolical of the work and progress of the many fine women who had made possible this event, was held to the paper. As the dying embers cast its gleam over the large audience of fine club women, the clear voice of Helen Lumpkin rose to lead in songs of "Bless Be The Tie That Binds", "I Love You, California", and many others. Mrs. Stoker spoke of early days of the club, the president lighted the first candle, and Mrs. Glover and Mrs. Russell participated in the candle ceremony.

The third revision of the by-laws was made during this year. For the second and last time in the club's history the members enjoyed having cateresses prepare and serve the luncheon on club days. By parliamentary procedure changing the names of club sections to Departments in accord with District Revisions.

Federation

The club had two members who served as District Federation Chairmen this year. They were Mrs. Helen Lumpkin, District Federation Music Chairman, and Mrs. Harry Russell, District chairman of American Citizenship. Federation chairmen attended conferences, reporting at club meetings at intervals. Federation Day was held March 6, 1946. District officers were present. The speaker was State Federation Chairman Mrs. Olive C. Bush.

Three District officers and ten District chairmen were guests as the Club entertained the District Garden Conference. Mrs. G. L. Schutz, District chairman of Legislation spoke at luncheon and Mrs. George Cornelius, Secretary of the District Board, was installing officer. Contributed to the District Penny fund. Motion Picture and Radio chairman spoke at luncheons.

Religious Program

Under the auspices of Mrs. Clarke Breeze, Bible chairman, the club held devotional programs at the opening of each club day. Reports from District Bible conferences were brought to the membership at intervals. A club program, "Women of the Bible", was given by Mrs. Breeze during the year. Clergymen were guests at the first meeting in December. Mrs. Russell narrated "The Juggler of Notre Dame". Mrs. Homer Moddy portrayed the Madonna, and Clarke Breeze enacted the part of the Juggler.

Building and Grounds and Maintenance

The clubhouse and grounds were kept in excellent order during this year, also many flowering shrubs were planted. An inventory of articles in store room and basement was taken and outmoded articles sold.

Philanthropy

Approximately 200 pounds of clothing was collected for the Red Cross drive and $37,500.00 worth of bonds were sold. Donated to the American Red Cross War Fund Drive. Granted the use of the building to the Red Cross for their annual dinner. Contributed to local Veterans' Bureau, and cooperated with them in other ways. $225.00 was given to numerous philanthropies; Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Joint Scout

Party, Veterans' Service Bureau, Children's Home Society, Rancho Los Amigos, Braille Institute of America, Santa Anita Sanitarium, Ruth Home, Youth Conservation Camp, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Red Cross, Summer Camp Fund, and March of Dimes. Mrs. Young was chairman of War Service, and was appointed member of the Executive Board of the Veterans Service Bureau. Collection of clothing and also of phonograph records for convalescent servicemen and women.

Youth Program

Use of the clubhouse was granted to Boy Scout Troop #5, Girl Scout #8, and Camp Fire Girls. A Youth Party was held at Christmas Time. Featured each group at one of the club programs. Cooperated with local Coordinating Council in an effort to establish a Youth Center. The club endorsed the school bond election. Leaders of our youth groups were invited to attend a Board Meeting to discuss the relationship between group and sponsor. The leaders felt our guidance in youth after school activities was vital. The club members volunteered to coach in singing, drama, and handcraft.

Civic Welfare

Through the California History and Landmarks Dept. the club worked to preserve the Lucky Baldwin homestead as a permanent botanical garden. The city was requested to make further effort to relieve traffic congestion during the racing season, also to take the tip sheet vendors off the streets. The club participated in the inaugural ceremonies of a Los Angeles Bus Line. The City Librarian appeared as a speaker to the club at luncheon. The club petitioned for a second bus line, between Arcadia and Temple City. The club deeded to city necessary ground for street widening in front of property. Renewed membership in Chamber of Commerce, and leaders of service clubs were guests on Civic Day.

Departments

Garden---Mrs. Earl Dettra, chairman. Each of the five departments presented an annual program including the Federation Speaker. Monthly meetings were held in the clubhouse featuring interesting programs and lectures on flower arrangements. Reports from District conferences were brought to the club. The department held annual flower show.

Music Dept.---Mrs. Helen Lumpkin, chairman. In addition to presenting a club program this department presented two other programs, and invited the Music Dept. of the Rosemead Woman's Club to attend. The programs were excellent and varied. Many fine musical programs, historical programs and two fine local talent plays, the never to be forgotten "Ye Olde District Skule" and "Aaron Slick from Punkin Crick". Mrs. Ross presented interesting panel discussions and other programs during her luncheon meetings. In fact a day at the club during her year was always an intellectual stimulant as well as a day of delightful entertainment. Cast of characters in "Ye Olde District Skule" were: teacher, Helen Lumpkin; pupils, Marion Bennett, Helen Miller, Mary Young, Emily Allen, Jean Breeze, Lola Trew, Florence Anderson, George Spragins, Kenneth Leslie, Harry Russell, Ray Young, John Domercq, Clarke Breeze, Harold Johns, John Vanderbur, Lucille Lindell, Margaret Talcott, Mildred Kennett, Georgia Spragins, Ruth Cleary, Mozelle Russell, Ethel Frentress, Louise Bon Eske, and Dorothea Gamroth.

International Relations Dept.

Mrs. Wood Glover, chairman. This department, in addition to presenting a club program, held interesting monthly meetings with splendid programs each time. They also presented a resolution to the District and The State Federations concerning the conservation of foods and fats. Harrison Woods was featured as a speaker by this department.

Drama Dept.

Mrs. Rodney Talcott, chairman, held monthly meetings, joined the Music Dept. in one program and presented a play, the presentation of "Aaron Slick from Punkin Crick." Cast of play were Harry Russel, Roger Miller, Ray Young, Dorothea Gamroth, Mary Young, Marion Bennett, and Drana Tripper.

Ways and Means Dept.

Mrs. Ray H. Kinnison, chairman, and her committee held many delightful affairs during the year, which netted $909.28. These affairs were:

A Dinner	$162.01
Bridge	60.00
Red Cross Dinner	60.00
Escort Dinner	26.00
District Skule	164.25
Country Fair	403.15
Miscellaneous	33.87
	$909.28 Total

Mrs. John P. Ross represented The Woman's Club during her regime with grace and dignity. She attended all State, District Conventions, her Presidents' Conferences, all Reciprocity meetings at various neighboring clubs. Her judgment and leadership are still considered valuable in the community.

Written by Alma Weems

1946--1947

Mrs. Ray Allen Young, President

This year found the clubhouse and grounds out of debt. Mrs. Ray Allen Young, an energetic, young and capable woman was at the helm. Assisting Mrs. Young on the Executive Board were:

Mrs. Wallace Dressler	First Vice-President
Mrs. H. E. Riess	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Gregory Chase	Recording secretary
Mrs. Raymond Kennett	Corresponding secretary
Mrs. Henry Hege	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Kenneth B. Leslie	Treasurer
Mrs. C. G. Messenger	Program Chairman
Mrs. Jesse Balser	Parliamentarian
Mrs. C. F. Ganther	Trustee
Mrs. Ernest Leeper	Trustee
Mrs. Joe W. Watson	Ways and Means

Department Chairmen: Garden, Mrs. C. G. Messenger; Music, Mrs. B. G. McAbery; Chorus, Mrs. Charles Lumpkin; California History and Landmarks, Mrs. Robert Lane; International Relations, Mrs. John P. Ross; Drama, Mrs. Harry Russell.

Federation Chairmen; Art, Mrs. R. E. Lewis; American Citizenship, Mrs. Albert Green; Legislation and Tax Measures, Mrs. Earl Phelps; Motion Pictures, Mrs. Harold Slater; Bible, Mrs. Harry Russell; Literature, Mrs. Charles Schmidt.

Standing Committees: Finance and Budget, Mrs. Kenneth Leslie; Ways and Means, Mrs. Joe Watson; Membership, Mrs. Paul Kennedy; Programs, Mrs. C. G. Messenger; Inside Publicity, Mrs. Bert J. Morris; Outside Publicity, Mrs. Catherine Mundy; Press Book, Mrs. Edward Kaurin; Civic Welfare, Mrs. Charles Stewart; Club Accompanist, Mrs. LeRoy Anderson; Decorating, Mrs. Victor Knorrburg; Historian, Mrs. Hans Schmidt; Hospitality, Mrs. John P. Ross; Reception, Mrs. Harry Russell; House Committee, Mrs. H. E. Riess; Rentals, Mrs. H. E. Riess; Courtesy, Mrs. Michael Duffy; Philanthropy, Mrs. E. J. Frentress; Door, Mrs. Kyle Stowe; Year Book, Mrs. Robert Lane; Printing, Mrs. H. E. Riess; Telephone, Mrs. B. E. Rubottom; Resolutions and Revisions, Mrs. Jesse Balser.

Organizational Progress

The By-Laws were completely revised and printed in the new year book, and a Monthly Bulletin of club news was inaugurated. A Social Evening for the club members and their children was formed for the first time. Mrs. J. K. Weems was appointed the first social chairman. At the request of a group of members this social function, dancing and cards became a definite program of each club year.

Twenty-seven new members were added to the membership roster and life memberships were granted to three: Mrs. Fannie Needham, Mrs. Nellie

Federation

Eleven District officers and the District President, Mrs. Joseph C. Wenger, were entertained on our Club Federation Day. Mrs. Ray Allen Young was appointed chairman of Youth Conservation. She attended Gov. Warren's Youth Conference in December. Mrs. Kenneth Leslie was appointed to serve on the District Reservations Committee. Mrs. Edward Lowell was State Chairman of Motion Pictures and made a splendid talk on "Propaganda."

Federation chairman attended their conferences, giving interesting reports at club meetings. Our club had a delegate, Mrs. Earle Phelps, attend the National General Federation of Women's Clubs at New York City 1947. A splendid report was brought back to the club.

Religious Program

Mrs. J. V. Covell as Bible chairman, gave devotionals and inspirationals at each club meeting. She attended her conferences giving reports on same. At the regular Christmas meeting the local clergy and their wives were honored as guests on that festive occasion, and the ministers' wives were given complimentary membership during the year.

Building and Grounds Improvement and Maintenance

This was one of the largest years for the redecoration and renovating of the clun and grounds the history of the club records. The painting of the interior of the entire clubhouse was done during the summer months. Window cornices were added, new window curtains, new draperies, the floors throughout the building were reworked. A new refrigerator was added to the kitchen, a new rug purchased for the foyer, A sectional davenport tier table and table lamps were added to the foyer. A carved octagonal was given the club by Mrs. Joe Watson. The termite inspector gave a good report on condition of building. The grounds were improved and a part time gardener was engaged. The Drama Dept. recovered the stage screens and lengthened the curtains which shrunk in fireproofing process.

Philanthropy

Donations totaling $195.00 were made to the following: Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, Boy Scouts, Braille Institute, Rancho Las Amigos, Co-ordinating Council, Red Cross, Cancer Fund, The Christmas Remembrance Committee. March of Dimes from a membership collection. $108.00 was collected at a meeting to buy a Heifer and a Goat for "The Heifer Project." The music Dept. gave $50.00 scholarship to the Neighborhood School of Music. A radio phonograph was given to the Women's Ward at San Fernando Hospital, and a motor tool-kit was given the men's ward for their use at the same hospital. The adoption of a woman veteran and the gifts to her at various times was a worthy part of the club philanthropy.

Youth Program

The club cooperated in the work of our youth groups and of the Junior Red Cross. The club was opened for a combined Christmas party for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls, and again in April for the Boy Scouts. The free use of the solarium was granted the executive board of the Camp Fire Girls for their meetings. The cooperation with our Juniors, by assisting in their philanthropies, granting use of our clubhouse for same.

at the club meetings. The Girl Scouts served at the Country Fair and the Juniors helped model at Style Shows.

Civic Welfare

Mrs. Charles Stewart, chairman held Art exhibit clubhouse, R. E. Lewis, Federation Art chairman, and Mrs. Trudy Hanscom. Two Art exhibits were held in the clubhouse during the year. The Arcadia Woman's Club participated in all of the monthly meetings of the Co-ordinating Council with the president or her representative attending all meetings. The Fall Flower Show was sponsored by the clun under the direction of the Garden Dept. The club was represented at the organizational dinner meeting of The Concert Association. The club was represented at the assembly of civic heads to celebrate the turning on of First Avenue's new illuminating system. The club was one of the sponsors of the school bond publicity committee and contributed financial aid.

The Woman's Club of Arcadia was one of six other Arcadia organizations to assume responsibility for sponsoring a float to be entered in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses contest and to enter a contestant for the Queen. Mrs. Harold Slater was the chairman, who raised $697.00 and placed Arcadia's Queen third on the list of contestants. Mrs. Slater was also Coronation chairman. A steak dinner and auction was a means of raising sufficient funds.

Two style shows were held in the clubhouse featuring the merchandise of local merchants. The club endorsed the plan to establish a unit of the State Armory in Arcadia. The Civic chairman, Mrs. Charles W. Stewart, attended the preliminary meetings in the council chambers.

Departments

Garden Dept.- Mrs. C. G. Messenger, chairman. The Garden program for the club featured a talk by Mrs. Roy Bauer on "Landscaping" and a Patio and Garden Fashion Show of costumes provided by Gini's and modeled by department members. In addition to landscaping a portion of the Public Library patio, members made 25 wreathes for McCornack General Hospital at Christmas time, and 50 corsages for the state convention in Pasadena. They also presented to the club a perpetual flower-bed as a tribute to the past presidents. Sponsoring a Fall Flower Show.

Music Dept.- Mrs. B. G. McAbery, chairman. During Music Week this department provided the speaker, Mrs. Leland Atherton Irish, for the regular club meeting, also the Highland Park Ebell chorus. Contribution was made to the Neighborhood School of Music in Los Angeles.

California History and Landmarks Dept.- Mrs. Robert Lane, chairman. Included in the many interesting trips of this group was a trip to the Pico Pico home. The program furnished the club with a talk by Mrs. Edwin S. Fuller on "Famous Women in California." Two paintings of California scenes were presented the club by Miss Grace McCurdy, to be hung in the foyer.

International Relations Dept.- Mrs. John P. Ross, chairman. "The World Today" was the theme of the year's program in the International Relations Dept. On November 6th, Dr. A. N. Cheledan was presented as a

speaker to the regular club meeting, through the courtesy of International Relations Dept. A white elephant booth was its fund raising project at the Country Fair.

Drama Dept.- Mrs. Harry Russell, chairman. Two one-act plays were produced by the Drama Dept. during the year as their contribution to club programs. Another accomplishment of the department was the creation of new stage curtains. Frames were built by the custodian, Johnny Domercq, materials provided by the club funds. Sewing done by department members. A sewing booth was their participation in the Country Fair.

Ways and Means - Mrs. Joe W. Watson, chairman, netted $735.43 during the year. A highly successful Country Fair was one important project of this committee. Two Style Shows, a card party, several Dinners. All were delightful as well as remunerative.

Written by Alma Weems

1947-1948
Mrs. Wallace Dressler, President

Mrs. Wallace Dressler had served in many capacities in the club before her term as President. An excellent business woman as well as a natural leader among women, we find all thoughts turned to a most outstanding year as she takes the reins of leadership. Ably assisting Mrs. Dressler on the Executive Board were:

Mrs. Bert J. Morris	First Vice-President
Mrs. Raymond M. Kennett	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Gregory Chase	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Earl Dettra	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Henry Hege	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Phillip Weary	Treasurer
Mrs. Albert H. Green	Program Chairman
Mrs. C. G. Messenger	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Ernest Leeper	Trustee
Mrs. Joe W. Watson	Trustee
Mrs. Harold E. Slater	Ways and Means

Department Chairmen: California History and Landmarks, Mrs. Henry Reiss; Drama, Mrs. E. J. Frentress; Garden, Mrs. James A. Stoker; International Relations, Miss Ruth Evans; Music, Mrs. M. M. Trew.

Federation Chairmen: American Citizenship, Mrs. Wood Glover; Bible, Mrs. J. V. Covell; Legislature and Tax Measures, Mrs. Earl H. Phelps; Literature, Mrs. L. P. Bergman; Motion Pictures, Mrs. Walter P. Halpin.

Organizational Progress

Installation conducted by Mrs. Elwood J. Munger. Forty-two new members were added to the club's roster during the year. The President was 100% in attendance to District, State and Presidents' Councils and conventions during her regime. She installed the officers of International Relations and the Junior Woman's Club officers. Attended all Co-ordinating Council meetings as the club's representative, attended numerous reciprocity meetings, youth group activities. Was a member of the Executive Board of The Camp Fire Girls. She attended all civic meetings of other organizations as a representative of The Woman's Club, always encouraging and supporting all worthwhile progress in the city's Civic affairs.

The adoption of a veteran by the club, Miss Rhue Rhodes, a veteran Marine sergeant and private secretary during the war, and at this time a patient in the Woman's Ward at San Fernando Veterans' Hospital.

The transfer of $300.00 to the club's savings account was quite a contribution to organizational progress. Revision of by-laws and standing rules, clarified, amplified making a major change of time of nominations and elections, thus enabling the President and delegates to attend State and District conventions. Completed the payment on street lighting bill.

White and Mrs. Emeile Timmerhoff. Inaugurated for the first time. Mrs Helen Lumpkin was voted an honorary member. A savings account was started for the club, and the first deposit towards same was $350.00.

Federation

Five District and State Officers appeared before the club, while three of our club members appeared in District programs. These were Mrs. Harry Russell, Mrs. Kenneth Leslie and Mrs. Helen Lumpkin. Four Federation Forums were conducted by the Federation chairman for the first time during the club year. The president was 100% in attendance at District Conferences and Council meetings. The club was one of six represented in a District and State book writing contest. Although not a winner, the manuscript won honorable mention for content. The book was entitled, "The Practical Application of Religion." Mrs. J. V. Covell wrote chapter one, the content, "How can the Basic Principles of Religion be Applied to Home Life?" Mrs. J. K. Weems wrote chapter two, "How can the Basic Principles of Religion be Applied to our Economic Affairs?" Mrs. Wood Glover wrote chapter three, "How can the basic Principles of Religion be Applied to our Education?" Mrs. John P. Ross wrote chapter four, "How can the Basic Principles of Religion be Applied to our Home Life?" The fifth and final chapter was written by all the participants.

A resolution decrying the use of obscene and profane language on the legitimate stage was originated in the Drama Dept. and forwarded to District and State headquarters for urging appropraite censorship. No State Dept. On Reciprocity Day fourteen visiting presidents were honored at the club luncheon.

Religious Program

Under the auspices of Mrs. Harry Russell, Bible chairman, the club held invocations and inspirationals at each clun meeting. All ministers and their wives were invited guests of the clun at the Christmas meeting on December 18, 1946. Ministers' wives were honorary members of the club.

Building and Ground Improvement and Maintenance

During the year a full fire prevention program was adopted, including the purchase of fire extinguishers for all rooms except the solarium. and the fireproofing of all drapes and upholstered furniture. Equipment purchased for the kitchen included a new Thermaduke, a refrigerator and miscellaneous utensils. The roof of the storeroom was replaced by a new one, and new curtains were provided for the stage.

Philanthropy

Contributions in varying amounts totaling $193.00 were made to the following projects: Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, March of Dimes, Children's Home Finding Society; Cancer Fund; Rancho Los Amigos; Santa Anita Sanatorium, Red Cross, Summer Camp Fund, Dinner for Blind and Aid to Philippines.

Youth Program

Assistance to The Junior Woman's Club including suggestions and financial aid in connection with their Ways and Means project. A Christmas party was given for our Girl Scout and Camp Fire groups and the club sponsored a family dinner for Boy Scout Troop #5 and former members of the troop who had been in service. Honored representatives of the sponsored youth groups were guests

Civic Welfare

Mrs. Ray Allen Young as civic chairman for the club year had several important objectives. The club was asked by the Chamber of Commerce to act as judges and award prizes donated by the local merchants for the best outdoor Christmas lighting display. The first competition of this kind ever held in Arcadia. A resolution supporting other civic groups was sent to the Santa Fe Railroad protesting the hazardous crossing of their Right of Way at First Ave. and Santa Anita Ave. The club joined with various civic groups in advocating city wide planting of trees, shrubs, etc. A featured civic project was the Annual Spring Flower Show sponsored by the Garden Dept. of the Woman's Club. Mrs. Roy Graham was Chairman of the event.

Departments

California History and Landmarks Dept. - Mrs. H. E. Reiss, Chairman. This department sponsored a clun program, participated in the Country Fair, made interesting trips to various historical places once a month following a business meeting. Also had interesting lectures on Early California History.

Drama Dept.

Mrs. E. J. Frentress, chairman. This was a year of much work and progress in this department. The stage curtains were shrunk from fireproofing so these members met and lengthened same. The screens were redecorated. All the San Gabriel Valley Drama groups were invited to a Dessert luncheon. A one-act play, "The Dear Dear Children," written by Sophie Kerr and directed by Merle Regnier, was given at a Federation meeting and played five times as a program during the year. A Sewing Booth at the Country Fair was the contribution of this Department and staging "Welcoming the New Minister" after the dinner hour.

Garden Dept.

Mrs. James A. Stoker, chairman. This department attended all District Garden Conferences, took care of the Christmas Decorations, held a wonderful Flower Show to which all the public was invited, sponsored a club program and held a booth at the Country Fair.

International Relations Dept.

Miss Ruth Evans, chairman. Mrs. Richard Hilf, co-chairman; Mrs. Arnold B. Ayers, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Lucy Wyss, press and publicity; Mrs. Wood Glover, program chairman, assisted by Mrs. Margret Paisley Brown and Mrs. C. G. Stewart. The department, with the assistance of Ross N. Nerkes, U. S. C., prepared a splendid program club year embracing bibliographies on Russia, Atomic Energy, The United Nations, Germany and U. S. Foreign Policy. The department's outstanding event of the year was a special breakfast. Mr. Norman Fertig, Y. S. C. was the speaker. Topic was "Communism in South America." Bowman who spoke on "This Amazing Century." This department also sponsored a booth at the Country Fair.

Music Dept.

Mrs. M. M. Trew, chairman. "Harmonious Endeavor" was the keynote for the year. The minds of members of this splendid department were diverted by the music school for neighbors. They visited the Neighboring

School for Music, decided on a project to raise a scholarship and put it over quickly. A "Double Trio" was formed and presented songs at The Festival of Music.

Ways and Means

Mrs. Harold E. Slater, netted $620.76. This was raised by having a dessert Bridge at the home of Mrs. Earl Dettra in October, a two-day Rummage Sale in February, The Annual Country Fair. The Executive Board catered two dinners. These receipts were earmarked for new furniture for the foyer. A Smorgasbord dinner at Country Fair was also sponsored by this Executive Board.

Programs were excellent, lectures on plays, books, Trees of the World, Current Events, International Relations, Instrumental Music, Ballads and Spirituals, Authentic Spanish Dancing, Art Exhibit and Lecture. The Veteran and miniature sketches of Colonial First Ladies was an excellent contribution given on American Citizenship Day. Mrs. Wood Glover, Mrs. John P. Ross, Mrs. J. K. Weems and Mrs. J. V. Covell giving the program.

The work of Mrs. Dressler during her entire year was outstanding. She was 100% in her attendance to District Councils and Presidents' Conferences, District Conventions and many District and club department meetings. The many youth group meetings and conferences with civic organizations. She also served as a member of the Executive Board of Camp Fire Girls. She installed members of International Relations Dept. Installed the Juniors and attended many of their meetings. Long noted for her gracious hospitality, she held open house for the entire club membership at Christmas time. Guest of many neighboring clubs on their Reciprocity Days, she was ever gracious in extending the club's good wishes. Under her untiring leadership our club grew and strengthened. It was her contact with Federation which made us a part of a vast group engaged in the betterment of mankind.

Written by Alma Weems

1948--1949

Mrs. Bert J. Morris, President

The club regime this year had at the helm, one familiar with every phase of club activities. Long an ardent worker in practically every capacity of the club, known for her tireless efforts and interest in civic and philanthropic activities, the entire membership were eagerly anticipating a most outstanding year. Beginning with an outstanding installation by Mrs. P. E. Willis, a District officer, Mrs. Morris was ably supported by the following members of her Executive Board:

Mrs. J. K. Weems	First Vice-President
Mrs. Raymond Kennett	Second Vice-President
Mrs. J. V. Covell	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Michael Duffy	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Earl A. Phelps	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Charles Moody	Treasurer
Mrs. Paul Kennedy	Program Chairman
Mrs. C. G. Messenger	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Joe Watson	Trustee
Mrs. Phillip Weary	Trustee
Mrs. Arnold Ayers	Ways and Means

Department Chairmen: California History and Landmarks, Mrs. H. E. Reiss; Drama, Mrs. E. J. Frentress; Garden, Mrs. Charles F. Ganther; International Relations, Mrs. R. H. Schwarzkopf; Music, Mrs. Clayton Schaff.

Federation Department Chairmen: American Citizenship, Mrs. Wood Glover; Bible, Mrs. Harlan Lindell; Legislation and Tax Measures, Mrs. G. G. Meade; Literature, Mrs. Edith Belle Dickson; Motion Pictures, Mrs. E. O. Lowell; Council of International Clubs.

Standing Committees: Civic, Mrs. Ray Allen Young; Clipping Book, Mrs. James E. Cooke; Courtesy, Mrs. Lucy Wyss; Decorating, Mrs. Edward Verhoef; Door, Mrs. Lola Trew; Finance and Budget, Mrs. Charles Moody; Historian, Mrs. Boree Bain; Hospitality, Mrs. Richard Hilf; House Committee, Mrs. Joe Watson; General Luncheon, Mrs. Thurman Keim; Membership, Mrs. Charles Ganther; Philanthropy, Mrs. G. G. Meade; Press, Mrs. Catherine Mundy; Programs, Mrs. Paul Kennedy; Reception, Mrs. Wallace Dressler; Rentals, Mrs. Raymond Kennett; Revisions and Resolutions, Mrs. C. G. Messenger; Reservations, Mrs. Horace Self; Social Committee, Mrs. Walter Genuit; Ways and Means, Mrs. Arnold Ayers; Year Book and Printing, Mrs. Roger Miller; Tickets, Mrs. Arnold Ayers; Club Accompanist, Mrs. LeRoy Anderson.

Organizational Progress

Mrs. W. G. Lewis and Mrs. John Hostutler were voted life memberships. During the year 19 new members were added to the roster. Mrs. Charles Ganther, as Membership Chairman, and her committee, contacted and called on all members personally. Staged the Membership Tea in December. President Morris presided at all club meetings, was 100% in attendance to all Presidents' Conferences, District and State Conventions.

During the year fifteen regular programs were offered, providing a wealth of artistic talent as well as lectures on International Relations, Art, Music and Dancing. At the Birthday celebration, Mrs. Wood Glover was in charge. She introduced six members who spoke briefly on what other lands had contributed to the United States. Mrs. J. K. Weems spoke on England; Mrs. G. G. Meade, Christopher Columbus; Mrs. John P. Ross, China; Mrs. O. H. Williams, The Holy Land; Mrs. Margaret Paisley Brown, France; Mrs. Robert Hansen, Sweden. The club bulletin edited by Mrs. Richard Hilf was most interesting and informative.

Federation

Mrs. C. G. Messenger, parliamentarian of the Arcadia Woman's Club, won a certificate of award, the seal being signed by Mrs. Joseph C. Wenger, District President and Mrs. W. W. Wilketson, District Parliamentarian. She was one of 40 out of 135 to pass a written examination. She made 90% grade, missing ½ of a 2% question.

The club always had excellent representation at all Conferences, Conventions, both District and State. Mrs. Morris extended an invitation to Mrs. Joseph C. Wenger, District President, for the Woman's Club of Arcadia to act as hosts to the annual District Convention. This was the first time such an honor had been undertaken by our club. This was the most outstanding affair. With approximately 400 attending, the business meetings were held at the local theatre, later adjourning to the clubhouse to enjoy a delicious luncheon served by the members of the club.

The annual Reciprocity D ay was celebrated in a flower decked clubhouse, eleven Presidents from neighboring clubs were introduced. The luncheon speakers were two club members who had European and Oriental trips. Mrs. Walter Halpin talked on Germany and Europe as a whole. Mrs. B. Flowers on the Orient, Japan and other Pacific Islands. The speaker of the day was John W. Shearer. The club had three members in Federation work this year. Mrs. Kenneth Leslie, Mrs. E. C. Lowell and Mrs. Wallace Dressler.

Religious Program

The Bible chairman, Mrs. Harlan Lindell, conducted devotionals at each club meeting, held prayer for members recently bereaved, and at Christmas time the club had as guests, all of the local clergy and their wives. Rev. O'Keefe giving a most outstanding Christmas message to the members.

Building and Grounds, Improvement and Maintenance

During the summer months, the club had installed new cabinets for each department to store their properties. These were much needed. The property of each department was moved to the store room off the main auditorium. An electric fan was installed in the kitchen, a new credenza and two chairs were added to the foyer, a lovely mirror placed over the mantel. New crystal was also added. The Garden Dept. presented the bird bath to the club. During the year Mrs. J. K. Weems was appointed chairman of the Salonica Greece Clothing Drive to represent Arcadia who joined with other Valley towns in this worthy project. Our club was a part of a nation wide drive sponsored by our local Rotary club. Three lovely paintings were

won by Woman's Club members. Mrs. Wm. K. LaRocque presenting the one she won to the club. Mrs. S. J. Nock was also one of the splendid supporters of this drive and won a painting. The grounds were well kept. Three new concrete walks were added to the three separate entrances of the building, replacing the obsolete brick ones.

Philanthropy

Under the able guidance of Mrs. G. G. Meade as philanthropy chairman, the club this year had an outstanding philanthropy record. $203.26 was expended to the following organizations: Camp Fire Girls, $5.00; Girl Scouts, $5.00; Youths' Christmas Party, $10.00; Rancho Amigos, $10.00; Thrift Shop and Home for Aged, apples, 12.00; Arcadia Red Cross, $35.00; C. F. W. C. Project Yountville Hostess House, $75.00; American Cancer Society, $25.00; Casa Colina Crippled Children's Home at Chino, $11.26; Sewing Guild Arcadia Thrift Shop, $15.00.

With the annual report of Mrs. Meade was a most wonderful suggestion which is well worth the attention of some of the future presidents, that was: "That it would be an advantage to the club if a fund raising benefit for the Philanthropy of the club was held with all departments participating, under the direction of the Philanthropy committee."

The club also held a "White Christmas" this year, when each member contributed some gift of canned goods wrapped in white, placing same under the club Christmas Tree, later carried to the Thrift Shop. The adopted Veteran of the club was also taken care of. The club adopted a lady veteran who was a Lt. in the Marines. She was visited by our President, Parliamentarian, Federation Secretary and Recording Secretary, during the time she was a patient in San Fernando at the Veterans hospital.

Youth Program

This program was participated in by supporting the Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts and Junior Red Cross.

Civic Welfare

Mrs. Ray Allen Young was a Civic chairman this year. Cooperated with the departments in the civic work during the year, participating in such worthwhile projects as sponsoring the sale of tickets to the Civic Chorus Concerts, aiding in the Peach Blossom Festival, and for the first time sponsoring the sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals, Mrs. J. K. Weems acting as chairman. The club members served on the Red Cross membership drive and blood donor recruitment program.

Departments

California History and Landmarks Dept.- Mrs. Henry Reiss, chairman. This department had a remarkable year. Mrs. Jennie Plummer, the club's 94 year old member, a native of San Francisco, gave a very fine program of early history of that location. She remembered personally Gen. U. S. Grant's visit there shortly after the Civil War, Early theatres, the famous Coit tower, Tettrazzini singing at the famous Lotta's fountain. This department sponsored as their program, Orpha Kilnger. Her topic was "California's Old Adobes, Pioneers and Historical Trees."

Drama Dept.- Mrs. E. J. Frentress as chairman had a most successful year. This department presents two plays of merit, "The Case of the Weird Sisters" directed by Merle Regnier, and "A Good Girl in the Kitchen" directed by Mrs. Frentress. These plays were a regular club program on May 22, 1949. Members of the cast in "Weird Sisters" were: Mrs. J. K. Weems, Wallace Dressler, John P. Ross, Albert Green, Merle Regnier. Cast of "A Good Girl in the Kitchen" were: Mrs. E. J. Frentress, Bertha Nichols, Fred Gamroth, Ray Kennett, Herman Groenen, Marguerite Smith.

Garden Dept.- Mrs. Charles Ganther, chairman, reported good programs, many paid programs paid for out of department funds earned in the department. This department hosted the District Federation Garden Conference in the clubhouse. Following the meeting the Los Angeles County Arboretum and several local gardens were visited.

This department planted two flowering peach trees on the club grounds on Arbor Day in memory of Nellie White, one time chairman of this department, who originated the idea of making Arcadia the city of the flowering peach. This department held the annual Flower Show May 15, 1949. A delightful affair attended by throngs from neighboring towns as well as localities. The officers of this department were installed by the incoming president, Mrs. J. K. Weems, in the lovely Verhoef garden. The grand sweepstakes prize was won by Mrs. Alice Kolb.

Music Dept.- Mrs. Clayton Schaff, chairman, had one of the most outstanding years in the history of this department. A Tea was given at the clubhouse sponsored by this department, to which Mrs. Robert Burbns, District Chairman of Music, was an honored guest. In keeping with the policy of this department, to sponsor young musicians, the program was given by Shirley Nute, Carolyn Foddell, Mary Jo Burns, Mrs. Harlan Lindell was chairman of the day assisted by Mrs. Roy Regnier and Mrs. M. M. Trew. This department also sponsored The Arcadia Civic Chorus, in presenting their first Midwinter Musicale, at Holly Ave. School Auditorium. A club program on regular club day was given by members of the department.

Ways and Means - Mrs. Arnold Ayers as chairman, had a most delightful and progressive year. The total amount of $865.32 was netted by such enjoyable means as progressive card games with an expert bridge teacher. The Country Fair which was a wonderful smorgasbord dinner. A two-day Rummage Sale was held in the clubhouse.

Written by Alma Weems

1949--1950
Mrs. J. K. Weems, President

The years of 1949-50 found Mrs. J. K. Weems installed as the President of the Woman's Club of Arcadia, ably assisted by:

Mrs. Charles F. Ganther	First Vice-President
Mrs. Thurman Keim	Second Vice-President
Mrs. J. V. Covell	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Richard Hilf	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. John Balthes	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Edwin Gonter	Treasurer(resigned due to illness)
Mrs. Kenneth Leslie	Treasurer
Mrs. B. G. McAbery,	Program Chairman
Mrs. John T. Simpson	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Phillip Weary	Senior Trustee
Mrs. Arnold Ayers	Junior Trustee
Mrs. Wood Glover	Ways and Means

This year marked the first noticeable increase in the size of committees--also the participation of new members on committee work. Federation chairmen were: Citizenship, Mrs. O. H. Williams; Bible, Mrs. Harlan Lindell; California History and Landmarks, Mrs. H. E. Reiss; Drama, Mrs. E. J. Frentress; Garden, Mrs. C. F. Ganther; Literature, Mrs. Edith Bell Dickson; International Relations, Mrs. Rudolph Schwarzkopf; Motion Pictures, Mrs. Rodney L. Talcott; Music, Mrs. F. H. Flowers; Council of International Clubs, Mrs. G. G. Meade; District Work, Mrs. Wood Glover, American Citizenship Committee.

Standing Committee chairmen were: Civic, Mrs. Edward O. Lowell; Clipping Book, Mrs. Florence MacRorie; Club Accompanist, Mrs. LeRoy Anderson and Miss Mary Valentine; Courtesy, Mrs. Lucy Wiss and Mrs. Harvey Moss; Auditing, Miss Ruth Evans; Decorations, Mrs. Henry H. Hand; Door, Mrs. Archie Wilson; Resolutions and Revisions, Mrs. John T. Simpson; Red Cross, Mrs. John T. Simpson; Social, Mrs. C. F. Ganther; Tickets, Mrs. Clyde Dysart; Historian, Mrs. George Castle; Year Book, Mrs. J. V. Covell; Philanthropy, Mrs. Wallace Dressler; Finance and Budget, Mrs. Kenneth Leslie; Hospitality, Mrs. Earl Dettra; Membership, Mrs. Horace Self; Reservations, Mrs. Richard Hilf; Press, Mrs. Clayton Shaff; Luncheon, Mrs. Edward Verhoef; Reception, Mrs. Bert J. Morris; Rentals, Mrs. Thurman Keim; Youth Co-operation, Mrs. Ray H. Fox; Girl Scouts; Mrs. E. J. Fuerst, Camp Fire Girls; Mrs. Ray Allen Young, Junior Red Cross Chairman. Public Relations, Red Cross and Pages were three new committees added this year.

Sixteen interesting and varied programs were presented during the year, with interesting luncheon programs following the business session. The first luncheon speaker was the late Col. A. C. Gonzales, whose topic was "Gateway to the Far East." The afternoon program was Rima Rudina, colorful and finished violinist, accompanied by Robert Hunter.

The second luncheon speaker was Mrs. Geo. Cornelius. The afternoon program, E. Rudy on Hair Styling. Other programs were Bob Ringer, humorist; Pearl Zagor, play reviewer; Music Dept. program, Woolsey and Wheeler, contralto and pianist; Elaine Dudley "Women of California"; Avalon Dagget Travel Movies; Gypsyaires, chorus and dancing; Carl Neprud, International Relations program; Mrs. Fred Wheeler "Elections"; J. J. Littlefield, speaker on "Personality Sparkle in Your Garden"; Kent Roberts, noted lecturer; Hobby Day, a wonderful display of hobbies; Juanita Cummins, violinist; M.A.D. a capella choir; High School band; two one-act plays by Drama Dept., "Women" and "Mary".

Organizational Progress

This year's organizational progress was noteworthy in that a complete revision of the club's By-laws, under the supervision of the Revision and Resolution's chairman, Mrs. John T. Simpson and her committee, did an outstanding piece of work, namely broadening the purposes for which we were organized by adding to the purpose of Federation to include the furtherance of the work of County, District, State and General Federation of Woman's Clubs. Condensing and clarifying sections and articles. Addition of 48 new members to the club's roster during the year.

Honorary memberships were granted to Mrs. Charles Billings, Mrs. Grace Newhall-Penrod, Mrs. Harry H. Pike, Mrs. L. R. Peck and Mrs. Mark C. Millspaugh. Complimentary membership to the wives of the local clergy who wished to become members. Those were Mrs. J. David Barnard, Mrs. Thatcher Jordan, Mrs. Evans Scroggie and Mrs. Theron Woods.

The transition of the Junior members to the Senior Woman's Club was perhaps one of the highlights of the year. Mrs. Wallace Dressler, their sponsor, led the following young women up to the President who in turn gave them a cordial welcome: Mrs. W. D. Gibbs, Miss Doris Lucas, Mrs. Milton Kraemer, Mrs. Ted Ford, Mrs. B. F. Stratton, Mrs. H. H. Burke, Mrs. W. A. Petersen, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Polly Hassinger. A department of twelve members were organized by this group, known as The Evening Division. Mrs. W. D. Gibbs was the first chairman.

Observers were sent as club representatives to City Council meetings, both High School and Elementary School Board meetings. Mrs. A. C. Heilman and Mrs. Olwen Stephens served as observers. Mrs. W. E. Chinn, representative at the City Council and Safety Council meetings. The club also voted to indorse the $600,000.00 School Bond issue February 28, 1950.

Adopting an important resolution on April 15, 1950, urging the club membership acting in concert with the other California Federation of club women to boycott all motion pictures using persons who have flaunted moral decency; all pictures using persons who have shown by their actions, they do not adhere to the American way of Life and Government; all pictures which obey the letter of the Production Code but violate the spirit, such as pictures based on the lives of criminals, but altered just enough to pass the code. Inaugarated the idea of the club offering an annual award to the department having the greatest progress and contributing the most during the club year, based on attendance, new members, club contribution, outstanding programs. This was done to promote the growth and attendance to department meetings.

Two awards were given at the close of the club year. A sterling silver cup, given by the retiring president, Mrs. Weems, to the committee chairman doing the most constructive work during the year. This award went to Mrs. John T. Simpson for her excellent work on the Revision and Resolution Committee. The other award was a cup given by the club to the department for the most progress during the year. This award was won by the Garden Department of which Mrs. Charles Ganther was chairman. The Evening Division was awarded a plaque for their outstanding work as a department. Mrs. W. D. Gibbs was the capable chairman of this department.

The President installed the incoming officers of The Junior Woman's Club, The Garden Dept. officers, History and Landmarks dept. Gave talks of our club activities to neighboring clubs and attended all Co-ordinating Council meetings. At this time this was in line with the President's duties.

Federation

The club this year won second place in the Joseph B. Seaman award in District Federation contest. This was through the efforts of Mrs. Edward O. Lowell and her committee. Federation Day was observed by the club with District President, Mrs. Claude Sneeden, and District Parliamentarian, Mrs. H. S. Bayless, and presidents from fifteen neighboring clubs attending. Mrs. J. K. Weems, club president, gave a talk at District headquarters at a district session at Los Angeles District headquarters on "Why Our Club Was Organized, The Accomplishments and Hopes for the Future."

The President was 100% in Convention and Conferences attended in District and State, while Federation Chairmen of the club attended and reported their conferences at regular intervals. Other Federation officers who were guests during the year were: Mrs. George W. Cornelius, State Chairman of Education; Mrs. Harriet Hindermaster, District Chairman of American Citizenship.

Mrs. Esther Whang-Pahk, President of The Woman's Clubs of Korea, was an honored guest November 19, 1950, and was Luncheon Speaker, bringing a message of the needs of the Korean peoples to our club women. This was arranged through the courtesy of our Chairman of the Council of International Clubs, Emma D. Meade. A collection of candles, thread and money was given Mrs. Pahk.

Religious Program

The Bible chairman, Mrs. Harlan Lindell, gave invocations and inspirationals at each club meeting, also attended the District Bible Conference. At the Annual Christmas meeting all of the local clergy and their wives were honored at luncheon meeting. Dr. J. David Narnard giving the Christmas Program at the luncheon hour.

A contribution of this regime was by order of the Executive Board the use of The Woman's Clubhouse was granted to the Released Time Program for religious education classes each Tuesday morning. This was the sponsorship of the INTER-FAITH COMMITTEE, including classes for Protestants, Catholics and Christian Scientists.

Building and Grounds, Improvement and Maintenance

The clubhouse was painted outside, camellias planted on the grounds, wash basin installed in room off main auditorium, 300 cup coffee urn purchased, new silverware added, 100 new green leather chairs purchased, new record player and records, two lace tablecloths for special club purposes. Divan and chairs refinished and upholstered. Gifts to the club were: Electric garbage disposal, donated and installed by Mr. B. E. Turner and his representative; begonia plant and wrought iron stand by Peacher; two lamp shades covered by Mrs. Ralph George and Mrs. Ivan Timmons; smoking stand for foyer by Mrs. Esabell Evans; painting of Magnolias given by Mrs. Wallace Dressler; four other paintings given by The Garden Dept., The Drama Dept., The International Relations Dept., and the Grecian picture given by the firm whom we purchased the chairs from. All paintings were voted acceptance by the membership. This was done to assure them always remaining property of the club, in event future administrations had different views and tastes relative to art.

The president presented a bronze plaque, the California Federation of Woman's Clubs' emblem, to the club. It now hangs in the main auditorium reminding us of the signification of our federation and its work. Casters were bought for both pianos.

Philanthropy

The Philanthropy chairman, Mrs. Wallace Dressler, gave her personal attention to a great deal of the philanthropy, they were Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, Polio Fund, Community Chest, Red Cross, Cancer Prevention Society, Korean Club Women, Mrs. Bobbie Wilcox, adopted veteran at San Fernando Hospital (Mrs. Dressler personally supervised the purchases for this veteran's Christmas gifts); Rancho Los Amigos, Hospital for the aged people, Arcadia Welfare and Thrift Shop, Inter-Faith Council for 7th grade students (free use of clubhouse), Co-ordinating Council Recreation Committee Summer Camp, Casa Colina Crippled Children's Home (through International Relations Dept.), Arrowhead Summer School of Music Scholarship (through the Music Dept.), Children of McLaren Hall (through the Evening Dept.)

This department adopted as their local philanthropy the McLaren Hall for children located in El Monte. They renovated, repaired and repainted toys for 40 children at this home. They also sent several hundred pounds of clothing to France. District Birthday Party, Yountville Hostess House (State Philanthropy), Sale of Christmas Seals, Mrs. John T. Simpson, chairman.

Youth Program

Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts were featured at the club programs, contributions being made to same. Art exhibits were featured by the work of our High School youth, James Burns' exhibit held all during Christmas week, the club purchasing "Sunlight Symphony" from his exhibit. Much of the club's philanthropy went towards youth benefits, namely Casa Colina Crippled Children's Home, McLaren Hall for children's toys for Christmas, granting free use of the clubhouse to the 7th grade students every Tuesday for Religious Instructions, embracing all religious faiths. Promoting Luncheon Programs on club days which portrayed the local talent of our youth by their giving programs, namely, a capella

choir program; a Woodwind Trio, by Jack Kennedy, Mary Jo Burns, Jane Sayer, all teen-agers. A musical program from the young students of The American School of Music.

Civic Welfare

Perhaps the greatest stress of the club year was put on our civic endeavors. This committee, under the able guidance of Mrs. Edward O. Lowell, had as their object to: Beautify Arcadia, work with other organizations in promoting civic responsibility and pride in being a free American. The major fields of endeavor were:

1. Board of Education for Elementary Schools
2. Board of Education for High School.
3. Civic Beautification
4. Safety Council
5. Annual Peach Blossom Festival
6. Sale of Christmas Seals.
7. Inter-Faith Meetings of 7th grade students of 11 religious faiths at clubhouse
8. Arcadia City Council meetings

Out of these endeavors "Arcadia Beautiful" was formed by the civic chairman, Mrs. Lowell, later to be incorporated into a separate organization.

The club this year won second place in the civic award of Joseph B. Seaman for the outstanding work. The club also won first prize for the float entered in The Second Annual Peach Blossom Festival. Decorations of float were done by The Garden Dept. of which Mrs. Charles Ganther was chairman. This was the club's first participation in the Festival. The float was donated by Mr. B. E. Turner and driven by Mrs. B. E. Turner. Preceding the club's entry was a car in which the president, Mrs. J. K. Weems, and Mrs. Ella Byrnes, a former president, rode. This car carried an emblem of The California Federation of Women's Clubs, which Johnny Domercq made and was later presented to the club by Mrs. Weems. Also on the president's car were white streamers in memory of Nellie White who originated the peach tree planting idea.

The club president was presented with an identification scroll on behalf of Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan, for her outstanding contribution in civic affairs in her community. The presentation was made by Col. Frank Benedict.

The War Memorial Grove, a planting of 40 flowering peach trees, commemorating the youth of Arcadia who gave their lives in World War II, was held at the City Hall. The dedication services too place March 25, 1950, with a large group of Arcadians present for the services.

Departments

Evening Division---Mrs. W. D. Gibbs, chairman. Organized this year and received a plaque for their outstanding achievements in such a short period of time. A membership of 16, these young women completed a philanthropy worthy of the efforts of a larger department. Their gift of toys repainted, collected and delivered to McLaren Hall in El Monte, their hundreds of pounds of clothing to war torn France, their attendance record, their club program, completing an all round good year's activity.

The Garden Dept.---Mrs. Charles Ganther, chairman. This department won the award for their outstanding achievements, given by the club. The award, a gold cup trophy, had the name of the department and chairman engraved on it each year. This department had a membership of 71, added 18 new members, average attendance 45. Their programs were outstanding, professional in most instances, they held a Christmas Breakfast, with "Gift Wrapping" program and exchange of gifts, trips to Nurseries, Arboretum Picture Slides from Holland, and Azaleas in the Deep South.

In Club participation held booth at Country Fair, had a Style Show and speaker on their club day, won a picture at the San Gabriel District Garden Conference for having largest attendance. This picture was presented to the club. Gave a beautiful picture painted and framed by Mrs. Wishek, our local artist, to the club. Planted camellias on the club grounds on Arbor Day. Planted a Nellie White camellia on club grounds in honor of Nellie White, a past president and past Garden chairman. Paid dues to the County Arboretum. Decorated the Woman's Club Float which won first prize in the Second Annual Peach Blossom parade. Held a splendid Flower Show. These two last projects were out of the department's own funds. Either one was a major project.

The chairman was 100% in attendance to all Garden conferences that year. Mrs. Ganther was carrying the extra burden of first vice-president and also Social Chairman that year. While the calls on her time and strength were heavy, never once did she overlook a single duty, or neglect one.

Mrs. Ganther and Mrs. Weems attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting, announcing the Annual Flower Show sponsored by the Garden Dept. The Chamber of Commerce agreed to give a gold cup for the annual event, same to remain as a trophy in the clubhouse. This was the first time a department had accomplished this.

California History and Landmarks Dept.---Mrs. Henry Reiss, chairman, held interesting programs and field day trips to places of interest to Exposition Park, the Pony Express and Olvera Street. Programs were history of the famous Temple of Clouds and Forest in Weaverville, Calif. by Mrs. Michael Duffy; a review of John Sutter by Mrs. Moody; Trees of Sequoia Forest by Mrs. Sullivan. Mrs. Fannie Needham gave a poem by Don Blanding. Mrs. Timmerhoeff, who organized the department, gave poems on Trees and Woman Sisters. Mrs. Timmerhoef also gave the department a colorful print of Los Angeles in 1781. The club President accepted the print on behalf of the club.

A program on Golden State Park in San Francisco was given by Mrs. Robert Lane. A Christmas party with exchange of gifts was enjoyed. This department gave an interesting program to the club, Mrs. Juliet Renshaw a review of Irving Stone's "Immortal Wife" and Mrs. Crellin an account on the career of James Lick, donor of the Lick Observatory to the state of California.

Drama Dept.---Mrs. E. J. Frentress, chairman. This is a small department but full of good talent and initiative. They had a booth at the Country Fair, sold donations on an imported banquet cloth given by

President Weems, and won by Mrs. John Balthes. Sponsored the purchase of "Sunlight Symphony" and gave half of the money towards purchase of same. Produced two excellent plays for the club given May 25, 1950. The plays were "Women" and"Mary".

International Relations Department---Mrs. Grace E. Schwarzkopf, chairman. Had a membership of 33, added 6 new members, average attendance 30. Many interesting programs were given. Mrs. Paisley Brown gave "Does the Socialistic State Tend to Destroy Individual Initiative?" Mrs. Wood Glover "How Can the U.S.A. and France Help Promote a Stable and Sound Europe?" Miss Ruth Evans a Christmas party held in Miss Evans' home, Mrs. Hilf giving an interesting program on Hawaii. Mrs. Castle "How Will the Youth Influence the Future of Germany?" Mrs. Ross "How can Austria Survive as an Individual Democratic Nation?" Mrs. Self "Does the Arab World Need a Marshall Plan?" Mrs. Williams "India." Mrs. Emma Meade "Turkey."

This department held a Birthday Party--International Flags, Luncheon Speakers were: Miss Nelson, India; Miss Lee, Japan; Miss Wescott, China; Miss Nescar, Honolulu. Luncheon Speaker, Mrs. Hendermeister, topic "Switzerland." Afternoon Speaker, Mr. Carl Neprude, subject "China."

Philanthropy was Christmas gifts to Casa Colina Crippled Children's Home at Chino. Gift to the club was "The Three Sycamores" by Jim S. Burns.

Music Dept.---Mrs. Clayton Schaff, chairman, held regular monthly meetings. Their contribution to the club was a most enjoyable program under the supervision of the program chairman of the Music Dept., Mrs. LeRoy Anderson. Miss Ursula Martens, violinist; Richard Plimpton, pianist, and Virginia Althouse, soprano, all MAD students gave the program. The philanthropy of the Music Dept. was a check for $25.00 to The Arrowhead School of Music Summer Session scholarship. The attendance was very good. A bake sale held as Ways and Means and a delightful tea at the clubhouse to which all District Music Departments were invited.

Social Night---Mrs. Charles Ganther as Social chairman had interesting entertainment monthly following the delicious "Pot-Luck" suppers at the Clubhouse. Dancing and cards were the main attractions. At Halloween season a costume party was staged, prizes for best costume. At Christmas a delightful party honoring the Junior Woman's Club to which all husbands attended was the social highlight of the year. Midnight refreshments were served by Mrs. Weems and Mrs. Ganther. At Easter time a hat parade featuring hats made by members with a prize for the best creation. A bridge and canasta tournament was held with grand prizes for the winners. A good time was had by all throughout the year.

Ways and Means---Mrs. Wood Glover as chairman held many and varied parties during the year which were enjoyed by everyone. During the summer months three delightful garden parties were staged, Mrs. S. J. Nock, Mrs. Albert Green and Mrs. Edward Verhoef generously offering their attractive gardens for these auspicious occasions. Donation prizes on a lovely lace tablecloth were sold, the cloth won by Mary Henderson. These three garden parties netted $196.02.

In October a Red Cross luncheon was put on at the clubhouse, which netted $118.54. The Annual Country Fair netted, after the departments received their quota, $165.43. A Rummage Sale in March netted $184.53. The grand party of them all and long to be remembered was the Smorgasbord Dinner under the supervision of Mrs. Harlan Lindell and Mrs. Edward Kaurin. Food fit for kings was served, and Mrs. Glover always assuring delightful surprises had Swedish Dancers to delight the packed house. This netted $101.94, making a total for the Ways and Means $766.46.

Written by Alma Weems

1950-1951
Mrs. Charles Ganther, President

The years of 1950-1951 found Mrs. Charles Ganther at the helm of The Woman's Club of Arcadia. She had served in many and varied capacities in the club for many years. A good job was assured when she was in charge, whether great or small. Building was the theme chosen by her for her year as leader of the club. Assisting Mrs. Ganther on the Executive Board were:

Mrs. Bruce McAbery	First Vice President
Mrs. Thurman Keim	Second Vice President
Mrs. Elmer Sieh	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Richard Hilf	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. John Balthes	Federation Secretary
Mrs. Richard Straub	Treasurer
Mrs. John T. Simpson	Program Chairman
Mrs. Kenneth Leslie	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Arnold Ayers	Senior Trustee
Mrs. Robert H. Lane	Junior Trustee
Mrs. Raymond Lawson	Ways and Means

Department Chairmen: California History and Landmarks, Mrs. J. H. Sullivan; Drama, Mrs. Fred Gamroth; Garden, Mrs. Earl H. Dettra; International Relations, Mrs. Horace Self; Music, Mrs. W. P. Sorenson; Evening, Mrs. W. D. Gibbs.

Federation Chairmen: American Citizenship, Mrs. O. H. Williams; Bible, Mrs. Harlan Lindell; Legislation, Mrs. Ernest Leeper; Motion Picture Mrs. Edith Dickson; Council of International Clubs, Mrs. Wood Glover.

Standing Committees: Auditing, Mrs. Lloyd Hatch; Civic, Mrs. Wm. E. Chinn; Clipping Book, Mrs. Otto J. Wittman; Club Accompanist, Mrs. LeRoy Anderson; Courtesy, Mrs. Lucy Wyss; Decorations, Mrs. W. K. LaRocque; Door Mrs. Archie Wilson; Finance and Budget, Mrs. Richard Straub; Historian, Mrs. Bert J. Morris; Hospital Contacts, Mrs. Thurman Keim; Hospitality, Mrs. Wood Glover; House, Mrs. Arnold A yers; Membership, Mrs. Horace Self; Philanthropy, Mrs. C. M. Moody; Press, Mrs. S imon Walters; Program, Mrs. John T. Simpson; Public Relations, Mrs. B. G. McAbery; Reception, Mrs. J. K. Weems; Red Cross, Mrs. Raymond Kennett; Rentals, Mrs. Thurman Keim; Reservations, Mrs. Jennie B. Davis; Resolutions, Mrs. Kenneth Leslie; Social, Mrs. Ray Allen Young; Ways and Means, Mrs. Raymond Lawson; Tickets, Mrs. James E. Cooke; Year Book, Mrs. Elmer J. Sieh.

Organizational Progress

The theme of the year was "Building." Revision of by-laws pertaining to ending of fiscal club year and also pertaining to wording relative to delinquent members. The presentation of the General Federation of Women's Clubs' major project, "Build Freedom With Youth," to the executive board, for club participation in the national project was in this year. Later the incoming president presented it to the club membership for ratification and it was voted to be the main club project of the incoming president's year.

Forty one new members joined the club during the year. Life membership was granted to Mrs. Emma Meade, with active club privileges. Granting use of clubhouse to Junior Woman's Club this year.

Federation

Federation Day in our club was attended by five prominent District officers. Federation chairman attended their conferences regularly, giving reports to the club at meetings. The President was 100% in attendance to all Presidents' conferences, and to all County, District and State Conventions. Our club joined the County Federation this year, thus making it 100& federated.

Religious Program

Mrs. Harlan Lindell, the Bible chairman, gave inspirationals and prayers at each club program. Reports were made from the District Bible conferences.

Building and Grounds, Improvements and Maintenance

Venetian blinds were added to all the French Doors, new iron railings on all porches for safety as well as beauty. New asphalt tile on the kitchen floor. An electric chimes clock presented by the Junior Women's Club,a check of $25.00 towards the purchase of a tea service by Mrs. A. V. Marchetti, and an electric clock for the kitchen by Mrs. A. L. Weickert, a Chinese screen by Mrs. Wallace Dressler. Among additions to the house and grounds this year were a new Hot Water Heater, and a new roof on the Solarium which Mrs. Arnold Ayres as Senior Trustee attended to in her usual capable manner.

Philanthropy

The club philanthropies this year were contributions to Community Chest, Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Brownies,Camp Fire Girls, Blue Birds, Cancer Fund, Arcadia Thrift Shop, Rancho Las Amigas, Dolls for Juvenile Hall, Cash for Veterans' Domiciliary, Gift to Junior members polio, General Clay Fund, G.F.W.C. material sent to Germany, Easter Seals, Sister Kenny Foundation, Nurse's Scholarship in District, Purple Heart Veterans, Gifts to Casa Colina Christmas Seal boxes, March of Dimes.

Youth Program

The club encouraged youth activities by arranging with Girl Scout and Camp Fire leaders to present programs and exhibits pertaining to their activities at club meetings.

Civic Welfare

The club president had charge of the Arboretum Exhibit and Tea furnishing eight club members to serve. The club supplied sixteen hostesses to serve when the Chest Mobile unit visited Arcadia. The club had representatives at all meetings of public interest at City Council and School meetings. The club also sponsored and decorated a float for The Third Annual Peach Blossom Festival. Sweepstakes prize was won that year. Gretchen Kambeitz was the club's candidate. Civic Day at the club was held and all local city officials invited as luncheon guests. Mrs. Charles Ganther served as a member of the City Charter Committee. The club also furnished hostesses for The Pasadena Flower Show. These were: Mrs. Earl

Dettra, and Mrs. Russell Lucas. Gave $50.00 to District Scholarship Fund.

Departments

Art Dept.- This department, which was organized this year, got off to a good start under the guidance of Mrs. Isabelle Satterthwaite as chairman. Thirty-three members enlisted, 515 points were made in the District Penny Art Fund Contest. Exhibits of paintings by the members were hung in the clubhouse throughout the year. Average attendance of classes was fifteen.

Drama Dept. - The Drama Dept. held monthly meetings. One new member was added to the department during the year. This year it was decided to concentrate on one good one-act play, which was given May 2, 1951 to a record house with a splendid performance.

Garden Dept. The Garden Dept. had an average attendance of 30 members during the year. Monthly meetings were held, dues of 25 cents for the department and 10 cents for coffee was in effect. The department decorated the clubhouse for all club activities during the year with Mrs. King LaRocque acting as chairman. A Style Show was presented on Garden Club Day at the club, members of the department serving as models. Programs were varied and interesting. Winning second prize at the District Garden Conference. Participated in a table setting contest at Nash's in Pasadena. A food sale as a Ways and Means feature with Mrs. Andrew Heilman as chairman was held in the club foyer netting $58.25.

Music Dept.- Monthly meetings of the Music department were held at the clubhouse and in homes of members. The project for the year was a donation of $25.00 to San Gabriel Valley Symphony Association. Mrs. Marjorie Sorensen was Chairman for the year. A food sale was held in February netting $10.00. The department sponsored a musical show, "Musical Contrasts" on April 4, 1951. This was given by different members participating.

California History and Landmarks Dept. - Mrs. Ola M. Sullivan, chairman for the year. One new member was added, average attendance 7. The department gave seven dolls to the Juvenile Hall Doll Party. The chairman and co-chairman attended the party. A food sale was held at the Country Fair and a club speaker was furnished the club by this department.

International Relations Dept.- Mrs. Horace D. Self was chairman for the year. Attendance average was 16. At the booth of the Country Fair this department netted $25.20. A food sale in November netted $27.00. The outstanding philanthropy of the year was the twenty-five gifts for the Casa Colina Children's Home at Chino at Chino at Christmas time. As usual the department furnished an excellent club program to the amount of $25.00. The April luncheon given netted $20.00 for the club. The cash on hand at the end of the year was $34.00.

Evening Dept.- Mrs. W. D. Gibbs acting as chairman this year started the year with a Tea honoring both the Senior and Junior clubs of the Woman's Club of Arcadia. The program "The Tang and Yin" was presented to the club. The Chinese theme was carried out in decorations. Meetings were held twice a month in members' homes. For Ways and Means the department had a sale

of Christmas cards and wrappings in the clubhouse. Food sales were held and with this money their philanthropies were 100 toys collected and repainted for McLaren Hall. These were displayed at the clubhouse. Several hundred pounds of clothing were sent to families in France, and some assistance to veterans' families in our own community was given. The membership was 16. Two new members were added and three transferred to Senior membership. District conferences were attended regularly and assistance to new Evening Departments throughout the District was made.

Social Dept.- Mrs. Ray Allen Young acting as chairman of the year held monthly meetings the third Saturday evening each month. Dancing and cards followed the delightful pot-lucks. In addition to these The Escort Night was revived after many years presenting a most outstanding program.

Ways and Means - This committee, with Mrs. Jennie B. Lawson the chairman, held many delightful parties during the year. They were a Brunch in June, A Red Cross dinner in July, Dessert Bridge in July, Picnic in August, Paul Schlick's Pictures in October, The Country Fair in October also, a Rummage Sale in January. All these activities were enjoyed and supported wholeheartedly by club members and their guests. The total amount of these activities netted $741.58. Serving with Mrs. Lawson this year were: Mrs. B. E. Turner, Mrs. Ralph George, Mrs. Ivan Timmons, Mrs. John Neuvillier, Mrs. Edward O. Verhoef, Mrs. L. R. Short, Mrs. C. F. Noack, Mrs. H. J. Bair. To these faithful workers goes the credit and congratulations of the entire membership.

Written by Alma Weems

1951--1952

Mrs. B. G. McAbery, President

The years of 1951-52 found Mrs. B. G. McAbery installed as president of the Woman's Club of Arcadia. A most able one she proved to be. The installation ceremony, a most outstanding one. The theme of her year, which was carried out in deed as well as word, was "WHEELS OF PROGRESS." Mrs. J. K. Weems, a past president of the club, was installing officer.

Choosing as the club's main project of her year, and successfully carrying it on to success, was participation in The General Federation of Women's Clubs' national contest, "Build Freedom With Youth." This was the first time in the history of the club that a project the size and scope of this was adopted. The great humanitarian spirit of Mrs. McAbery qualified her well for this endeavor. The Woman's Club of Arcadia won first prize in the state awards, Mrs. McAbery being presented with a check of $200.00 as the award.

Installed with Mrs. McAbery were:

Mrs. John T. Simpson	First Vice-President
Mrs. L. R. Short	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Robert Munro	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Ralph George	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. W. D. Gibbs	Federation Secretary
Mrs. John Balthes	Treasurer
Mrs. Ivan Timmons	Program Chairman
Mrs. Richard Straub	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Robert Lane	Senior Trustee
Mrs. Thurman Keim	Junior Trustee
Mrs. B. E. Turner	Ways and Means

Department Chairmen were: Art, Mrs. Isabelle Satterthwaite; California History and Landmarks, Mrs. Henry Reiss; Drama, Mrs. Ray Allen Young; Evening Dept., Mrs. F. B. Stratford; Garden, Mrs. Earl Dettra; International Relations, Mrs. J. K. Weems; Literature, Mrs. John T. Simpson; Music, Mrs. Thatcher Jordan.

Federation chairmen: American Citizenship, Mrs. Horace Self; Bible, Mrs. Albert Green; Legislation, Mrs. Floyd Henderson; Motion Picture, Mrs. Earl Phelps; Narcotics, Mrs. Verne H. Winchell; Safety, Mrs. Allen J. Brigham; Water, Mrs. Kenneth Smith; Council of International Clubs, Mrs. Jesse Balzer; Red Cross, Mrs. Richard Straub, Mrs. Edward Verhoef and Mrs. Ray Kennett; Social Chairman, Mrs. Charles Ganther; special chairman of club's adopted project "The Build Freedom with Youth" project, Mrs. J. K. Weems.

Standing Committees: Auditing, Mrs. Lewis Ashby; Civic, Mrs. William Orr; Clipping Book, Mrs. Edith Bell Dickson; Club Calendar, Mrs. Richard Hilf; Courtesy, Mrs. Hugh Sanborn, Mrs. Harvey Moss; Decorations, Mrs. Homer W. Brown; Door, Mrs. Ernest Fuerst; Finance and Budget, Mrs. John

Balthes; Historian, Mrs. G. G. Messenger; Hospital, Mrs. S. J. Nock; House, Mrs. Robert Lane; Membership, Mrs. Albert Weickert; Philanthropy, Mrs. Ernest Leeper; Press, Mrs. John T. Simpson; Programs, Mrs. Ivan Timmons; Public Relations, Mrs. John T. Simpson; Reception, Mrs. Charles Ganther; Red Cross, Mrs. Ray Kennett; Rentals, Mrs. L. R. Short; Reservations, Mrs. John Scull; Resolutions and Revisions, Mrs. Richard Straub; Ways and Means, Mrs. B. E. Turner; Year Book, Mrs. Robert Munro.

Organizational Progress

The Literature Dept. was organized by Mrs. John T. Simpson, with members adding to 56.

As stated previously the main project was "Build Freedom With Youth" contest in which the club won the first place in the state. Mrs. J. K. Weems, acting as chairman, was ably assisted by Mrs. B. E. Turner, vice chairman in charge of raising funds for the project. Ably assisting this committee was Mr. B. E. Turner who was tireless in his efforts to help raise funds in the Advertising campaign. He also donated an electric garbage disposal unit to the Country Fair for donation prizes. The advertising committee spent long hours in the summer heat, soliciting advertising from the local merchants, who responded most generously to the cause of youth. The advertising drive which netted $1700.00 was directed by the following committee: Mrs. Andrew C. Heilman, Mrs. S. J. Bair, Mrs. Carl Turner, Mrs. L. R. Short, Mrs. A. L. Weickert, Mrs. George Clinger, Mrs. Richard Owens, Mrs. Ray Allen Young, Mrs. Ivan Timmons, Mrs. E. J. Fuerst.

Mrs. Turner's next project for fund raising was a Country Fair which netted $305.00. In conjunction with the Country Fair was a Donation Ticket Sale on gifts which were donated by the merchants of Arcadia and husbands of the committee workers. Mrs. L. R. Short was chairman of the Ticket Donations and much credit is due Mr. L. R. Short for his generous donation of a y ear's supply of gas and motor oil. Other gifts donated were: a set of Pennsylvania tires, a Foam Rubber Mattress, a T.V. set, Elgin wrist watch, Copper pictures, silex set, pottery set, three pair of shoes with bags to match, and many other items. This project netted $987.00, with the balance of funds raised by the Evening Dept., the net total of $3,703.77 was realized for the 22 projects which the entire committee voted to adopt. Mrs. John T. Simpson, vice-chairman in charge of projects, ably filled this post.

Following is part of a detailed report which was submitted by Mrs. J. K. Weems to the state contest chairman, Mrs. Frederick Spencer:

"BUILD FREEDOM WITH YOUTH" Committee Report

On March 6, 1951, the Executive Board of The Woman's Club of Arcadia with an active membership of 230, voted to enter the contest of The General Federation of Woman's Clubs' "Build Freedom With Youth" contest. This was ratified by the club membership at a later date, after Mrs. McAbery decided to make the outstanding project of her year.

The Third Annual Peach Blossom Festival came shortly after we entered the contest, so we decided to have our very first project, the sponsoring of a Queen for the Festival and entering a float, designed and decorated by the members of the Woman's Club. The contestants were daughters of the club members from ages 16 to 20. One of our departments, the Evening Department, also entered a float. The club entry won sweepstakes prize and the Evening Dept. won second prize. For a club of 230 active members, we considered this quite an accomplishment. Note pictures and news-clippings.

The problem of other projects and money to finance was the immediate issue. In setting up the committee of forty women, it was decided to divide the group into a Fund raising group, with Mrs. B. E. Turner as vice-chairman in charge of raising funds, and a project chairman, with Mrs. John T. Simpson in charge of projects.

We had three money making projects besides the one of the Evening Dept. projects of Assistance to Needy Children in which this group raised $711.00 by paper drives, food sales and rummage sales. On the Advertising campaign, which was held during a very bad heat wave, we netted $1700.00. Next we had a donation ticket sale on gifts donated by the merchants of Arcadia and husbands of committee workers. These included a T.V. set, a foam rubber mattress, a year's supply of gasoline and motor oil, a set of Pennsylvania tires, a lady's wrist watch, three sets of shoes and bags to match, a silex, copper pictures, sets of pottery, etc. This drawing was held the night of our Country Fair and netted $987.00. The Country Fair, held Sept. 29, 1951, netted $305.00. The expenses of the Fair were heavy as we decided to have paid musicians for the Teen-age dance which followed our early program in the evening, which was a Youth Concert by Mel Pratt's accordion band. Refreshments were served to the youth. The net total of $3,703.77 we had to finance our projects with.

At the Country Fair we used 16 Girl Scouts and 16 Camp Fire Girls from O-DA-KOTA group to serve the dinner. Approximately 100 teen-agers enjoyed the dance, aside from the program of Mel Kaiser's dance class and the 16 members of Mel Pratt's band. Assisting in selling the donation tickets were forty DeMolay teen-agers and forty Job's Daughters who worked in their spare time all summer helping sell the donation tickets.

An invitation was issued to the following groups, which were selected because of their interest in youth activities. However all groups interested were welcomed. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Co-ordinating Council, PTA Council, Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Holy Angels PTA, Arcadia City Schools, MD Student Body, Arcadia Representatives, Arcadia High School Student Body, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Optimist Club, Kiwanis Club, Knights of the Round Table, Knights of Columbus, Downtown Arcadia Business Association, West Arcadia Business Association, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Recreation Commission, Women's Division of Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Eastern Star, Masonic Lidge, Holy Angels Society, Junior Woman's Club, American Association of University Women.

Much enthusiasm was shown at our first meeting held to decide which projects were to be adipted. A list of suggested projects was read by Secretary Mrs. A. C. Heilman, groups appointed to investigate the need of these projects and report at our next meeting held July 23rd, when we voted to adopt the following projects and follow through with all of our ability to making them a success. A COORDINATOR was named for each project. These projects are not to be confused with the usual club philanthropies of our club.

1. Sponsoring a candidate for Queen of the Third Annual Peach Blossom Festival, and entering a Float decorated by the club women---Mrs. L. R. Short, co-ordinator.
2. Library for Shit-Ins---Mrs. Kenneth Smith, co-ordinator.
3. Woman's Club Observance of Teachers' Day---Mrs. Wood Glover, co-ordinator.
4. Establishment of a Student Loan Scholarship of $1000.00 or more, and a Nurse's Scholarship---Mrs. Charles Ganther, co-ordinator.
5. Arcadia New High School Library - $500.00 for books---Mrs. John T. Simpson, co-ordinator.
6. Arcadia New High School $300.00 Art Fund---Mrs. Wood Glover, co-ordinator.
7. Contribution to First Student Body Fund of Arcadia High School, $50.00---Mrs. John T. Simpson, co-ordinator.
8. Student Exchange, $300.00 check to International Institute of Education---Mrs. E. J. Fuerst, co-ordinator.
9. Organization of Arcadia's "Little Theatre Group"---Mrs. Ray Allen Young, co-ordinator.
10. First Annual Art and Artcraft Exhibit, Nov. 3, 1951---Mrs. Isabelle Satterthwaite, co-ordinator.
11. Leadership Conference, Nov. 16, 1951---Mrs. Ray Kennett, co-ordinator.
12. Family Counselling Service, Dec. 7, 1951---Mrs. John Balthes and Mrs. B. G. McAbery, co-ordinators.
13. Arboretum Science Memorial Tree Planting, Nov. 16, 1951---Mrs. Ralph Hankins, co-ordinator.
14. Teen-Agers Dances---Mrs. W. D. Gibbs, co-ordinator.
15. Blood Donor Recruitment Program---Mrs. Paul V. Snyder, co-ordinator.
16. Anti-Narcotic Campaign, Jan. 2, 1952---Mrs. Verne Winchell, co-ordinator.
17. Employment Service---Mrs. Ardene Boller, co-ordinator.
18. Career Day---Mrs. Ardene Boller, co-ordinator.
19. Americanism, featuring a Freedom's Essay Contest---Mrs. J. V. Covell, co-ordinator.
20. Assistance to Needy Children, Locally and Internationally---Mrs. Robert Munro, co-ordinator.
21. American Citizenship Rally, honoring and registering the 21 year olds, January 30, 1952, at the Armory---Mrs. A. C. Heilman, co-ordinator.
22. Organization of San Gabriel Valley Junior Symphony Orchestra---Mrs. John P. Ross, co-ordinator.

Federation

Participation in the G.F.W.C. Project, the "Build Freedom With Youth". Federation District officers attending the representative of the Japanese Gov't. sponsored by the Drama Dept. chairman, Mrs. Ray Allen Young. A most outstanding Federation Day under the auspices of Mrs. W. D. Gibbs. Mrs. Allen Young, District Pres., and Mrs. Joseph Wenger attended, also 18 presidents from neighboring clubs.

Religious Program

Annual Christmas services honoring the local clergy and their wives. The BFWY program in a great measure in their projects. The Bible chairman, Mrs. Albert Green, gave devotionals and inspirationals each meeting.

Building and Grounds, Improvements and Maintenance

A gardener was added to keep the club grounds in nice condition. Additions to the clubhouse were a pair of sterling candlesticks, given by Mrs. Charles Ganther, a former president, and two silver trays, by the Literature Dept., a large framed map by the International Relations Dept.

Philanthropy

Mrs. Ernest Leeper, chairman. The regular philanthropies of the club, aside from the "Build Freedom With Youth" program, were total amount of $234.32. Mrs. Ernest Leeper, serving as chairman of this committee, lists the philanthropies as including Community Chest, Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, Thrift Shop, Rancho Los Amigos, Chaplin Service, American Society, Milk Fund for Korea, the Jackie Thrall Fund (a polio victim, member of the Evening Dept.), Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sales, March of Dimes, and Veterans of Sawtelle. Donated jellies and fruit juices to Van Velzer Sanitorium for Little Children. This was at the request of Hospital Contact chairman, Mrs. S. J. Nock.

The Departments sponsored a program each during the year, and supplemented their funds by having Food Sales, Rummage Sales, Luncheons with five Speakers, etc. Many fine programs were given in each department during the year. International presented a fine speaker, an aide to Gen. MacArthur, Mag. General Charles P. Stivers. The Drama Dept. sponsored a Japanese Tea, with a representative of the Japanese Gov't present. The Music Dept. gave many delightful programs directed by Mrs. Jordan, Music Chairman. The Social Evening as usual was an enjoyable monthly affair. Mrs. McAbery represented the club 100% at Presidents' conferences, District, State and National Conventions.

Youth Program

See "Build Freedom With Youth" contest report. In addition programs were given at the club by various youth organizations.

Civic Welfare

See the "Build Freedom With Youth" report.

Departments

Art Dept.---Mrs. Isabelle Satterthwaite, chairman, held monthly meetings and classes participated in the Penny Art Fund, exhibited paintings of the class at regular club meetings and originated the First Annual Art Exhibit ever held in Arcadia.

California History and Landmarks---Mrs. Henry Reiss, chairman. This department held monthly meetings, presented a club program and took trips to places of interest in California.

Drama---Mrs. Ray Allen Young, chairman. This dept. held monthly meetings, read plays, worked in conjunction with Adult Education classes held weekly. Mrs. Young was one of the co-ordinators of BFWY and organized "The Little Theatre" group in Arcadia.

International Relations---Mrs. J. K. Weems, chairman. This department held monthly meetings, paid half of the club program on International Relations Day, featured speaker Dr. Polyzoides. Held a most interesting luncheon meeting as a Ways and Means featuring Maj. Gen. Charles P. Stivers, former aide to Gen. MacArthur. Mrs. Wood Glover was chairman and Mrs. N. E. Stadig was chairman of the program for the meeting. This department purchased a large framed map to be hung in the clubhouse.

Garden Dept.---This department sponsored a flower show, a club program with featured speaker, and a style show. Held food sales and very interesting and educational monthly meetings.

Literature---Mrs. John T. Simpson, chairman, held monthly meetings, with a fine Book Review given each month by Mrs. Marguerite Mendenhall. Held a Garden Party in Mrs. S. J. Nock's garden as a "Ways and Mea ns" project. Presented the club with two silver trays.

Music---Mrs. Thatcher Jordan, chairman. Held monthly meetings in members' homes, held community sings, a fine program each time. Gave the club an excellent program. Had as their philanthropy "The Arrowhead School of Music Summer School" scholarship.

Ways and Means---Mrs. B. E. Turner, chairman, reached an all time high in her many and interesting events during the year. Bridge parties, luncheons and dinners, were held for the benefit of the members. A Rummage Sale, catering a Church Dinner, a Box Social, a Traveling Basket, all netted nice sums to make an all time high of $904.13. In addition to this money raised, Mrs. Turner, as Fund Raising chairman of the "Build Freedom With Youth" project, raised an additional amount for these projects of $3,703.77. See general BFWY report for details.

Thus ends a year in which several records were broken. Mrs. B. E. Turner, as Ways and Means chairman, set an all time high with raising $4646.48 all told. Mrs. Leonard Short a nice record of $2456.50 as Rental chairman. The club won for the first time in its history a State award in the BFWY contest. The philanthropy and department work also meeting and in some instances surpassing previous years.

1952-1953

Mrs. John T. Simpson, President

Having served in many capacities of club work and three years on the Executive Board, first as Parliamentarian, then as Program Chairman, and during her year of service as First Vice-President, she organized the Literature Department of the club and also served as the first chairman of this Department, Mrs. Simpson has proven many times her ability and willingness for the best interests of our club. The entire membership was eagerly anticipating her year as head of The Woman's Club.

At an impressive and beautiful installation, conducted by Mrs. Joseph I. Mungera, State officer, Mrs. Simpson announced her Theme of her year as "Let Us Go Forward Together And Put Our Hearts In Our Work." The entire year has not only found us with our hearts in our work, but with a song in our hearts. Following is a resume of a year of achievements in every Department, every Committee, to which we may well point with pride.

Ably assisting Mrs. Simpson on the Executive Board were:

Mrs. Kenneth B. Leslie	First Vice-President
Mrs. L. R. Short	Second Vice-President
Mrs. Gregory Chase,	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Ralph I. George	Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Ivan C. Timmons	Federation Secretary
Mrs. John Balthes	Treasurer
Mrs. Richard W. Straub	Parliamentarian
Mrs. Thurman Keim	Senior Trustee
Mrs. Ernest J. Fuerst	Junior Trustee
Mrs. Albert L. Weickert	Ways and Means Chairman
Mrs. W. C. Winchester	Program Chairman
Mrs. E. G. McLaughlin	Conservation Chairman

Federation Chairmen were: American Citizenship, Mrs. Earl Dettra; American Home, Mrs. John A. Renshaw; Bible, Mrs. J. V. Covell; Cancer Control, Mrs. Ed Ainsworth; Council of International Clubs, Mrs. John B. Scull; Legislation and Government, Mrs. Edward Heiss; Motion Pictures, Mrs. E. J. Frentress; Narcotics, Mrs. William R. McCaslin; Red Cross, Mrs. William Weaver; Safety, Mrs. Jesse Balser; Youth Conservation, Mrs. C. A. McElderry.

Officers in District Federation were Mrs. B. G. McAbery, Chairman of Scholarship committee, Mrs. Jesse Balser, Vice-chairman of Safety.

Youth Cooperation Representatives: Arcadia Educational Advisory Committee, Mrs. Karl C. Stephens; Camp Fire Girls, Mrs. Clinton W. Hetrick; Coordinating Council, Mrs. Kenneth B. Leslie; Girl Scouts,

Mrs. John L. Nourse; Girls' State, Mrs. Floyd Henderson; Junior Red Cross, Mrs. Philip B. Libby; San Gabriel Valley Jr. Symphony, B.F.W.Y. Project, Mrs. John P. Ross; Student Loan Committee, B.F.W.Y. Project, Mrs. B. G. McAbery.

Standing Committees: Amenities and Courtesy, Mrs. Wm Weaver; Auditing, Mrs. Wallace Dressler; Chronicle, Mrs. G. G. Meade; Civic, Mrs. Ardene Boller; Club Accompanist, Mrs. LeRoy Anderson; Club Calendar, Mrs. Richard Hilf; Page, Mrs. W. M. Adams; Community Singing, Mrs. Roy J.Regnier; Decorations, Mrs. Homer W. Brown; Door, Mrs. Paul Kennedy; Finance and Budget, Mrs. John Balthes; Historian, Mrs. J. K. Weems; Hospitality, Mrs. Archie Wilson; House, Mrs. Thurman Keim; Membership, Mrs Andrew C. Heilman; Philanthropy, Mrs. V. H. Winchell; Press and Clipping Book, Mrs. S. W. Mundy; Public Relations, Mrs. Kenneth B. Leslie; Reception, Mrs. B. G. McAbery; Rentals, Mrs. L. R. Short; Reservations, Mrs. H. A. Kambeitz; Resolutions and Revisions, Mrs. Richard Straub; Social, Mrs. Wood Glover; B.F.W.Y. Student Loan, Mrs. B. G. McAbery; Telephone, Mrs. John Neuvillier; Tickets, Mrs. John Conner; Year Book, Mrs. Gregory Chase.

Organizational Progress

The first step taken by our president was to call a special meeting of all her Board members and department chairman, forming an Advisory Committee, to get an over-all picture of problems confronting our fast growing club. This committee of fifty women were hosted for luncheon by our president. This was the first time this approach to the club's problems and progress was used. Over-all planning was a huge forward step in organizational progress.

For the first time in the history of the club, a Chronicle committee was appointed by the president. Mrs. G. G. Meade as chairman brought a recommendation from the outgoing chairman of International Relations Dept. Mrs. J. K. Weems, for a complete history of the club to be compiled and placed in the club archives, also the public Library. This committee compiled, had printed and sold the books at cost to the entire membership. Members of the committee were: Mrs. G. G. Meade, chairman; Mrs. J. K. Weems, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Wood Glover, Mrs. Charles Ganther, Mrs. John P. Ross, Mrs. Floyd Kingsley, Mrs. Michael Duffy, Mrs. Ida Parker, Mrs. W. D. Gibbs.

The Membership Tea, which commemorated the club's 38th anniversary, was a highly constructive idea and the details were beautifully carried out through the coordinated efforts of Mrs. Kenneth Leslie, first vice-president, making the miniatures representing the past Presidents of the club and also compiling a display of the various year books, cook books, etc., of years gone by, and assisted by the Membership Chairman, Mrs. Andrew C. Heilman; vice-chairman, Mrs. H. J. Bair, and vice-chairman Mrs. George C. Clinger. This committee not only prepared a beautiful tea, but through their untiring efforts and gracious contacts, 81 new members were added to the roster, an all time high of all the club years. Our club received honorable mention in the District awards of new membership growth being 5th in the District.

New members were seated at the speakers' table when introduced to the membership, and presented with permanent corsages made in club colors, a

great contribution of one of our cleverest members, Mrs. E. J. Verhoef. Life memberships were granted to Mrs. J. L. Byrne, Mrs. Alice Kline, Mrs. Charles Stewart and Mrs. Isabel Evans. The attendance has been remarkable with an average of 175 attendance. 319 guests attended during the club year

The hospitality chairman, Mrs. Archie Wilson, and committee functioned well. Two new ideas were inaugurated, the center table where new members were seated to make them feel at home with the hospitality committee until better acquainted. Then the Departments each had a hospitality chairman to call for each new member for club meetings until she was better acquainted.

A new idea was put into effect relative to the club programs. Mrs. W. C. Winchester, program chairman, and her committee did an excellent job. The last club program of each month was a book review by Mrs. Margaret Mendenhall. The other programs were varied, music, lectures, pictures, etc. The morning meetings also featured, in addition to many Federation Chairmen's reports, very interesting luncheon programs, style shows, lectures in finance with pictures, health, humorists, etc. Perhaps the most outstanding program of the year was March 18, honoring the Old Timers. The first president of the club was present, Mrs. Charles Billings, 91 years of age and still interested in club work. Others present were many charter members, many of 30, 25, and 20 years membership. Mrs. Charles Ganther was in charge of the day. Mrs. S. J. Noch and committee had prepared the Memorial Niche for dedication. Mrs. Emma Meade gave the dedication services and Mrs. John T. Simpson placed the white camellias around the candelabra. Mrs. Roy Regnier and Mrs. LeRoy Anderson played and led in the singing of "This is My Country."

A Building Fund was established upon recommendation of Mrs. John Balthes, treasurer. $500.00 was voted for immediate transfer to said fund, and at the end of the year the remaining money over and above the usual $700.00 left in club treasury will be transferred. The Evening Division, the youngest club department of the club, came forth with their chairman, Mrs. Verne Winchell, presenting $100.00 to the club for the "Building Fund." The Junior Woman's Club also presented the Senior Club with a check of $100.00 to be added to the Building Fund, making a total of $700.00 to date, and the remaining $500.00 added at the end of year making a grand total for this year of $1,200.00. A committee was named by the president more as a matter of record as the fund will be greatly increased before definate steps are taken by the membership. This committee for a survey are: Mrs. G. G. Meade, chairman; Mrs. Ida Parker, Mrs. John Balthes, Mrs. Leonard Short, Mrs. B. G. McAbery, Mrs. Raymond Kennett, Mrs. LeRoy Anderson Mrs. A. L. Weickert, Mrs. Verne Winchell, Mrs. B. E. Turner, and Mrs. Richard Straub.

The written policy, under the able guidance of our Parliamentarian, Mrs. Richard Straub, pertaining to the Junior Woman's Club and the Senior Woman's Club relationship, was a milestone of constructive progress, this being the first time a formal policy was voted in club work. This was adopted by unanimous club vote January 21, 1953. The Revisions and Resolutions Committee also made other constructive revisions by adding to the by-laws legislation to cover the purchase of the President's pin, also relative to

convention. Other much needed revisions were articles pertaining to clubhouse equipment of be used for club functions only.

The Americanism Program, constituting an eight point program, was one of wide scope:

1. To sing the national anthem at the opening of each program. This was under the auspices of Mrs. Roy J. Regnier and Mrs. Le-Roy Anderson, who also directed the membership in learning a new song, "This is My Country", to be sung at each meeting.
2. To get out the vote. Several club women served as registrars of voters. Notice to vote in monthly bulletin. Many worked on election boards.
3. Copy of Bill of Rights mailed each member.
4. Money provided to send a boy to Boy's State. This was a part of the club philanthropy.
5. Participation in Civic Day, November 19, 1952. Mr. Ira J. Kellogg, Federal Bureau of Investigation, was a luncheon speaker.
6. Sponsoring 5 Girl Scouts and 5 Camp-Fire groups.
7. Under Adult Education the club gives free rentals to "The Mother Singers."
8. Civic, Free housing for "Mothers March" during the March of Dimes campaign.

The Suggestion Box was an excellent and democratic move, bringing the wishes of the membership directly to the proper channels for constructive functioning. The many fine Luncheon Chairmen, with their fine culinary arts, always assuring the membership of a delicious and well balanced meal give this club the reputation of being the best nourished in the entire district. This part of the history came from different visitors whose duty consists of visiting clubs throughout the Los Angeles District.

Social Chairmen Mrs. Wood Glover, Mrs. S. J. Noch and Mrs. Raymond Kennett graciously directed the social evening of the club at each monthly meeting. In October the agenda was a Halloween party, pot-luck supper, dancing and cards following, with prizes for the best costume. November was a Thanksgiving party, with door prizes being given and members introducing each other in a most informal and enjoyable way. December was the Christmas party. Following the pot-luck supper, a play directed by Mrs. Roy Regnier, and participated in by Mrs. Ray Allen Young, Mrs. Ray Kennett, Mrs. J. K. Weems and Mrs. W. P. Sorenson, was given. Christmas carols were sung, then the usual dancing and cards. January, February and March crowds were good. April Capers featured an orchestra for the dancing and card games. St. Patrick theme was the order of the event. April also was the delightful Easter party. Door prizes, fun and fun. May 9th was the last social evening. As er look back over the year's agenda, we find it pleasant reminiscing, and orchids for the social chairman.

The Reservations Committee, composed of Mrs. H. A. Kambeitz, Mrs. Forest Allen and Mrs. E. M. Winans, were on the job in a most pleasant and effective manner. They also worked on the seating of members and guests. All this pleasantness, together with the graciousness of Mrs. Ralph Hankins and Mrs. Thomas Conner, in charge of tickets, is one of

the primary reasons for such a large attendance and so many guests, for the year.

The Door Committee chairman, Mrs. Paul Kennedy, and committee did a very fine year's work as did the Decorating Chairman, Mrs. Homer W. Brown and committee. An old tradition was revived this year, reminiscent of Ella Byrne's club year. Until a permanent memorial was installed, the decorating committe placed white flowers in the niche in the main auditorium in memory of members who had passed on. As stated under Youth Activities, different sponsored groups made table decorations for one regular club luncheon, and their leaders were guests of the club.

When a cheery voice over the phone called prior to the various club activities, it was Mrs. John Neuvillier and her famous telephone girls doing a good job in a very nice way. To describe the many hours which the Club Calendar chairman, Mrs. Richard Hilf, and her committee spent on the bulletin would in no way give the great credit they so richly deserve. Always pleasant Mrs. Hilf in a quiet way contributes much more to the smooth functioning of the club than meets the eye.

The year has been good to those unfortunate as not to be able to be at the club meetings. Mrs. W. M. Weaver and Mrs. R. H. Schwarzkopf were always thoughtful in the Amenities and Courtesy committee. You can always count on our very capable past president doing a good job in the auditing. Mrs. Wallace Dressler, although busy in the business world, was right on the job at the required auditing periods.

The Press Chairman, Mrs. Catherine Mundy, her co-chairman, Mrs. R. H. Lane, and committee composed of a member from each department, was the most effective source of information and club publicity which has ever functioned. No repetitions, but channeled in a business like manner. None other than our capable secretary, Mrs. Gregory Chase and her Year Book Committee, could give us so much information in so small a book,Three distinct improvements in the year-book are, first, a calendar; second, an index, an idea contributed by our Vice President, Mrs. Kenneth Leslie; third, the mid-winter supplement, giving change of addresses and telephone numbers of the new members, this an idea of Mrs. Gregory Chase.

Federation

During the year The Woman's Club broadened their horizon and Americanism program by participating internationally in the "Crusade for Freedom" program. Henry Ford II is chairman of the Crusade for Freedom and Charles E. Wilson is National Chairman. Our club beamed many Radiograms behind the Iron Curtain, also gave $18.00 of the Philanthropy to the fund of this purpose. Mrs. Earl Dettra, Americanism chairman, and Mrs. B. G. McAbery were in charge of this program which the club adopted and stressed throughout the year. The Council of International Clubs, with Mrs. John B. Scull as Federation chairman, participated on an International basis, by writing letters and sending magazines to Germany, England, Sweden and many other countries. Many replies were received which were read at club meetings. Through the efforts of Mrs. Scull, this year bore more direct results than previously, which is encouraging indeed.

Mrs. Ivan C. Timmons, Federation Secretary, had a most outstanding year. There were twenty-four chairmen, all appointed by the president, except the Department chairmen, who were elected. During the course of the year these chairmen attended District C.F. W. C. conferences in their various fields. A schedule was planned whereby each chairman reported to the general membership relative to valuable information gathered at these conferences. Following are a few of these reports: Legislation chairman, Mrs. E. A. Heiss, reported on candidates' and their qualifications prior to the election. Mrs. Earl Dettra, Americanism chairman, whose 8-point Americanism program is mentioned elsewhere, included in her report, pamphlets issued by District describing "Bill of Rights." All chairmen brought reports equally interesting.

January 7, 1953 was "Reciprocity Day." Mrs. Joseph C. Wenger, State Chairman of Public Relations, was the honored guest speaker as was Mrs. Alan W. Young, District President, and Mrs. J. Ellsworth Hixon, County President. Twenty-five out of thirty-one invited Presidents accepted. The club was brought close to Federation and the meaning of Federation through the wholehearted efforts of Mrs. Timmons than in many years.

Throught the capable efforts of the Bible Chairman, Mrs. J. V. Covell, the club enjoyed inspiring devotionals at each club meeting. The devotionals always coordinated with the events of the day, and each member went away feeling their lives were much enriched from such contacts. At the Christmas meeting the local clergy and their wives were honored guests at the meeting. Mrs. Covell, gracious as always, introduced them.

On April 15, 1953, the Nominations and Elections committee, composed of Mrs. J. K. Weems, chairman, assisted by Mrs. E. J. Frentress, Mrs. Archie Wilson, Mrs. L. K. Campbell and Mrs. C. W. Meisner, held the annual election of club officers, and the following were elected to office: President, Mrs. B. G. McAbery; Vice-President, Mrs. Roy J. Regnier; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Andrew C. Heilman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ivan C. Timmons; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John C. Merrill; Federation Secretary, Mrs. L. R. Short; Treasurer, Mrs. John B. Scull; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Edward A. Heiss; Junior Trustee, Mrs. W. M. Adams; Ways and Means, Mrs. David G. Shrader.

The Corresponding Secretary Report for 1952-1953. Mrs. Ralph George acting in a key position of our club, kept the prestige at a high level in her capable handling of all club correspondence. Many compliments from people who only know our club through this correspondence has been manifested. A grand total of 166 letters, perfectly written, perfect in phraseology and diction, is a record indeed for any club. Few people have achieved this and still retained their same cheerful attitude to their duties. Broken down-In July, letters written, 8; August, 24; Sept., 21; Oct., 22; Nov., 13; Dec., 17; Jan., 41; Feb., 16; Mar.,4. In addition, all Board meetings were attended and other duties to departments also. A record of excellent achievement.

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Thurman Keim, Senior Trustee, House chairman and her committee proved a most outstanding one for 1952-1953.

Current expendable supplies	$1091.75
Clubhouse renovation cost	$ 984.72
Total	$2076.47

Breaking down of above figure, clubhouse renovation and replacement equipment as follows: Foyer, Auditorium Kitchen, Solarium, Stage and dressing rooms repainted-$984.72. Added equipment and current supplies $1091.75. Stage and side drapes, curtains for kitchen and dressing rooms, 2 electric fans, venetian blinds cleaned and re-taped, ceiling and wall brush purchased. Mirror for foyer, record player repaired, 9 table spoons, 4 dozen place settings, knives, forks and spoons purchased, piano tuned, roof repaired. Paper cup container for kitchen purchased. Podium for president's table, keys for all kitchen cabinets replaced. New garbage pail. Through the courtesy of Mr. Albert Weickert, cabinets were installed. The map purchased by International Relations Dept. was hung in a frame in solarium. Plate rail in foyer installed. A bench was made for the dressing room. Through the courtesy of Mr. Floyd Henderson, of Arcadia Lumber Co., a new Bulletin Board was installed in foyer. Through the courtesy of Sullivan Paint Store, paper for dressing room was donated. The paintings, which had been acquired in previous years, were reframed, some frames refinished or polished. The Art Dept. chairman and committee were given the privilege of hanging the paintings in the proper places. A plan of cooperation between the Rental chairman and Senior Trustee proved very satisfactory. The two chairman took over each other's duties in the absence of the other.

Philanthropy

Under the able guidance of Mrs. Verne Winchell, Philanthropy chairman, the adopted budget for the year, aside from the departments, was $375.00. Of this amount, the following allocations were voted by the membership on recommendation from the committee:

Arcadia Community Chest	$35.00
Girl Scouts (4 groups)	20.00
Campfire Girls (4 groups)	20.00
Thrift Shop	5.00
Sawtelle Christmas Fund	25.00
March of Dimes	40.00
Arcadia Chapter American Red Cross	35.00
Cancer Prevention Society (local)	10.00
Boy's State	65.00
Postage for packages--Relief to Europe	15.00
San Fernando Veterans Hospital--Impersonal	5.00
Dolls for Orphans	32.97
Veterans' Christmas Party (county)	25.00
Rancho Las Amigas	25.00
Crusade for Freedom	18.00
Total Expenditures	$374.97

leaving a balance of 3¢.

Youth Program

The approach to the Youth Program in the Woman's Club was on a more personal basis this year than previously. Active sponsorship and personal contact, even in the philanthropy part, was the theme. The club sponsors

5 Girl Scout groups and 5 Camp Fire groups, about 150 children in all. These groups took turns in decorating the clubhouse with articles made by them in their workshops. The leader of each group was made a guest of honor at the club once during the year. An Essay Contest was sponsored and the awards were made at the club party given the groups at the clubhouse March 28th, Mrs. A. D. Boller making the awards. The Philanthropy committee used many youth groups as recipients of a great part of the budget voted by the club for the year. Among these were a Boys' State scholarship to the amount of $65.00. The $35.00 contribution to the Bureau of Public Assistance in El Monte, which includes Arcadia in the district. In addition, the club donated $20 each to Girl Scouts & Camp Fire Girls.

Sponsorship by the Woman's Club of Arcadia of the San Gabriel Valley Junior Symphony, a Build Freedom With Youth project of the previous year, Mrs. J. K. Weems, general chairman, was continued this year. The State award won by our club last year of $200.00 was used to continue this work. Two concerts were given at the clubhouse, with Mrs. John P. Ross ably assisted by Mrs. John Hutton and directed by Mr. Harold Scott, were so successful that the process of forming a permanent Junior Symphony Concert Association is now in progress. To date, the half-way mark in fund raising has been passed.

Civic Welfare

The San Gabriel Valley Junior Symphony Orchestra, which was one of the Build Freedom with Youth projects adopted by our club president, who was Project Chairman the preceding year, gave the second concert shortly after the club installation ceremonies. The State Award money of $200.00 was given the Junior Symphony for the year 1952-53. The third and concluding concert, under the sponsorship of the Woman's Club of Arcadia, was held February 1, 1953, at the Woman's Clubhouse. At this time the Woman's Club is taking the lead in the organization of a permanent San Gabriel Valley Junior Symphony.

The Founding of the Arcadia Historical Society on November 9, 1952, at the clubhouse of the Woman's Club of Arcadia, under the sponsorship of the Woman's Club, History and Landmarks Dept., was a civic undertaking of worthy note. Mrs. John T. Simpson, club president and an ardent civic worker, welcomed the group. Mrs. J. E. Hutton, chairman of the department, was chairman of the Historical Society, and Mrs. A. F. Hacquebord, Secretary. Committees for permanent officers and by-laws were appointed that the organization would function under its own leadership at future meetings.

The use of the clubhouse was granted to the "Mother Singers" as a contribution to this civic work of choral singers.

Another contribution to the civic welfare of Arcadia, the Woman's Club is in the process of re-activating an Arcadia Safety Council under the city sponsorship, which will promote a comprehensive safety educational program. This involves participation of all city officials and all organized groups in the community, particularly the local P.T.A. and Chamber of Commerce, both of whom have extensive safety programs as part of their activities. Mrs. Jesse Balser, assisted by Mrs. John T. Simpson is representing the Woman's Club. She is district safety chairman of the club.

Departments

The Executive Board decided to continue the Department Award which was inaugurated the year of 1949-50. At the beginning of the year rules on a point system basis governing the award, these points on a Federation rules basis should be sent each department in order that the years work will meet the requirements of an award entry.

The Evening Division---Mrs. Verne H. Winchell as chairman. The accomplishments of this department are most remarkable. 50 dolls were purchased and dressed for the half orphans of Los Angeles County. Two packages of necessities for our soldiers in Korea were presented the Junior Woman's Club to be forwarded with their "Thanx Packages." Nylon hose were collected and sent the Japanese widows; unraveling them for further use is a means of livelihood for them. Several packed boxes of clothing, food articles, such as tea, cocoa, sugar, powdered milk, rice, candy, shortening, etc., were sent to families in France. A negligee and gown for a French bride, Gilbert Renier, was a gift.

Cooperating with the Chairman of the Council of International Clubs this group is corresponding with Mrs. Abbot in Sidney, New South Wales. This department is sponsoring Brownie Troop #58, having given them $5.00 to help with their handcraft work. $100 has been designated for the Arcadia Woman's Club, nature of gift not yet decided upon. Five members have attended the District Conferences, and four members participated in the "Mothers' March on Polio" Feb. 5, 1953. The social affairs of this dept. have not been neglected. Steak frys, Hawaiian party, dinner parties, etc., have been enjoyed. The "Ways and Means" dance netted $367.90. The regular meetings are held twice each month, second and fourth Mondays.

The Garden Dept.---Mrs. Elmer Godfrey, chairman, held regular monthly meetings the second Wednesday of each month. Flower arrangements are brought by members and interesting programs held. Field trips, lectures, corsage making, etc. The membership for the year is 47 members and the bank balance is $92.00. This money is obtained from a 25¢ donation from each member and one social event during the year, a Garden party held in the home of Mrs. Edward Verhoef in August. The civic contribution was the highly successful annual Flower Show, Mrs. Eric Stadig, chairman. The shrubbery in front of the clubhouse was provided and planted. Mrs. Ida Parker & Mrs. Emma Meade modeled old costumes along with new spring models.

On club participation, this dept. provided a club program Mar. 4, honoring all past presidents of the club. The good Spring Fashion Show was readily acc laimed by 200 members. Other models were: Mrs. Ray Allen Young, Mrs. John Scull, Mrs. Ward Gable, Mrs. Richard Stewart, Mrs. Ralph George, and Mrs. Edward Kaurin. The social event, a pot-luck dinner in which husbands participated, was held Jan. 30th. The program was Mr. Merle Thompson demonstrating proper pruning methods.

Calif. History and Landmarks Dept.---Mrs. John E. Hutton, chairman. The Calif. History and Landmarks Dept. maintained a high level of interest among members of the club by presenting a varied program of speakers and field trips that furthered the knowledge of members concerning the past of Calif. Conducted field trips were taken to the restpration work of Lucky Baldwin, Rancho Santa Anita, to Southwest museum, and to Pio Pico Adobe.

The Department undertook four projects: 1. Funds were raised by a bake sale of foods for a contributing membership in the restoration work

of the Historical Committee of the Los Angeles County-State Arboretum, to show our enthusiasm for the work being accomplished on Arcadia's great historical landmark, the Rancho Santa Anita. 2. This Dept. sponsored, by furnishing both the leadership and financing, the founding of the Arcadia Historical Society, in observance of the city's forthcoming Fiftieth anniversary. 3. This Dept. presented to the club on Apr. 15, a program by Ed Ainsworth. 4. The Dept. chairman is working with the Chamber of Commerce to cooperate in city's ovvicial observance of its 50th birthday in July.

The Art Dept.---Mrs. A. F. Hacquebord, chairman. Visited Art Galleries and Art studios on five different occasions. These trips were accompanied by Mrs. Wishek, an art teacher. The chairman attended 4 district meetings accompanied by other members. This dept. has contributed greatly to the local interest in art as well as kept the membership interest at a high level. All during the year interesting exhibits of Arts and Crafts have been held in the club. On April 15 was the second annual Art and Craft Exhibit ever held in Arcadia. Club members were permitted three pieces of their work on Art or Crafts. The success was phenominal as many throughout the Valley interested in this exhibit came to pay homage to the splendid work and efforts of this department who has made such rapid strides in so short a time.

International Relations Dept.--- Has grown in membership under the carēful guidance of the chairman, Mrs. Richard Hilf. The membership totals 30 active. Interesting programs given at each meeting have held the interest at high level. These were arranged by Mrs. Eric Stadig, program chairman, and cover pertinent topics of the world of today as well as topics of International interests. The meetings have been held in both homes of members and the clubhouse. This dept. sponsored a club program on Dec. 3-- the speaker, Col. Abbott Boone, U.S. Army, retired. He spoke on "International problems confronting President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The Ways and Means project was a brunch under the auspices of Mrs. Clara Morris; the speaker, Miss Margaret Vochelli, talked on Africa and her pictures were very interesting also. The amount netted was approximately $30.00. The Christmas philanthropy was a contribution to the Junior Woman's Club to buy gifts for the boys in Korea. The chairman attended all district conferences. The club contribution will be a map and easel purchased by the department which all the club may use, or a large picture screen which the club needs so badly.

The Literature Dept.---Mrs. Charles Ganther in the capacity of chairman, had a most outstanding year from every viewpoint. Conforming to the By-laws of the mother club relative to the amount of money each department is permitted to have for the year's activities, this department actually has a record in their philanthropy equal to many small individual clubs. One of their philanthropies was the "Lending Library" which was a BFWY project last year but found so worthwhile and needed that it was undertaken again this year by this department, under the guidance of Mrs. M. A. Snell. Nine children who were "Shit-Ins" were serviced, their reading level determined and made to feel a great deal less of a shut-in by this kindly service.

The other philanthropies were, at Christmas all members pooled their usual fifty cents per capita for each other's Christmas gifts to be sent to The Bureau of Public Assistance at El Monte. The amount of $15.00 was used to get four orphaned children whose Christmas would have otherwise been drab, some presents. One, Billie W., age 6, his father and mother in prison, was given blocks and a dump truck. Dolores and Gloria S., ages 4 and 5, deserted by their parents, were given small tables and chairs. Albert S., age 16, deserted by mother, his father a suicide, was given the dictionary he wanted. At Easter time this department voted $15.00 of their money for these same children to have some Easter gifts. Billie W. shared his part with his sister who lives in the same home. Billie had a new shirt for Easter and Judy, his sister, a lovely orchid pique dress trimmed with organdy, of which she was very proud. Dolores and Gloria S. had orchid dotted swiss dresses which were worn to Sunday school. Albert S. wanted new clothing and he selected for himself a dress shirt to wear to church on Easter.

This department contributed $30.00 to the Mother Club to be used on the program of book reviews given once a month at the regular club meetings. Book displays were given the day of these book reviews. Other club cooperation was the poetry contest which this department conducted with club participation, giving an award for the best poem and presenting the club with a beautifully bound book containing all these poems. The programs were outstanding, consisting of literature of various countries, Book Reviews, lectures on the form and composition of poetry. These monthly meetings were highly entertaining as well as enjoyable. All meetings were held in homes of different members beginning with a Kaffee Klatch informality. The By-Laws were changed to conform to the Mother Club. Membership of 35 with an average attendance of 25.

Mrs. B. G. McAbery represented this department at all District Conferences. Two Ways and Means affairs were held during the club year. The first was a delightful Garden party in the lovely garden of the S. J. Noch's and a food sale held at the club house, at which Mrs. L. R. Short acted as chairman. The amount netted at the garden party was $85.30. $65.00 had been spent previously on a gift to the club consisting of two silver trays, which left $20.84 balance to start this club year off with. The food sale netted $75.00, sale of Margaret Richardson's children's books, $9.00. Total amount $104.84.

Music Department.- Mrs. E. J. Frentress, chairman. This department has a membership of 38, eight of which are new members in the club. This department boasts an outstanding violinist, flutist, and several pianists. A choral group of twenty, which has been directed by Mrs. Thatcher Jordan, has sung twice at club functions and will appear again at a later date. This choral group has sung at the Temple City Woman's Club, the Monrovia Woman's Club and at the County Council of Fine Arts and Literature meeting.

The philanthropy of this department included all members donating at a joint Christmas party with Drama Department, and sending a box of apples and 53 gifts of wash cloths and soap to the patients of a County Tubercular Sanatarium. The Ways and Means project was a bake food sale to

help finance the main department project of the year, a $15.00 gift to the San Gabriel Valley Symphony and $15.00 to the Junior Symphony, which is in the formative stage, the outgrowth of the Woman's Club Build Freedom With Youth Project las year. The meetings and programs each time have been in the homes of members and have been most enjoyable. The growth of this department this year and last year has been outstanding.

The Drama Department, Mrs. W. P. Sorenson, chairman, held a number of interesting meetings in various members's homes and at the clubhouse. At the Christmas party this department joined forces with the Music Department, both in program participation and philanthropy. At the club Christmas luncheon program, with the local clergy as honored guests, this department gave a delightful program consisting of songs and a reading by Mrs. Fred Gamroth. A program is being planned for the club program on May 20th, the final program of the year. This is always eagerly anticipated by the membership. The Drama Department is also sponsoring a luncheon and theatre party at Padua Hills Little Theatre matinee.

Ways and Means. Mrs. Albert L. Weickert and her wonderful committee of 23 energetic and capable women, gave us a year which will long be remembered as both profitable, enjoyable and progressive. An all time high figure of all the club years was netted by this committee and they had fun along with the work. The following events were a Garden Party on July 23, in the lovely garden of the Edward Verhoef's, 123 attended, amount netted $87.53

Sept. 27, Chuck Wagon dinner at the Leo L. LaRues 173 attended, amount netted	204.18
Oct. 16, The D.A.R. Luncheon served to 78, amount netted	70.40
Oct. 24, Dessert Luncheon, 74 attended, amount netted	53.00
Christmas cards and toys sold, amount	37.00
Feb. 12, Emancipation Party 105 attended, amount netted	63.45
Candy sold	34.40
Mar. 12, Luncheon 118 attended, amount netted	66.92
Candy sold	24.93
Rummage Sale	372.91
	$1015.38

Financial Statement - Mrs. John Balthes, Treasurer

At the beginning of the club year an annual budget was set up for $7000.00. This has been met and an increase of $1900.00 above this figure has been made. In other words the financial outlay for the year is $8905.00. This extra intake of cash has been due to the untiring and very capable efforts of our Second Vice-President, who acts in the capacity of Rentals Chairman, Mrs. L. R. Short. Her patience, courteous manner has not only enriched the club treasurer but made lasting friends for the club. Her part of the $1900.00 was an added $1100.00 above her budget figure for the year. The other $800.00 was initiation fees and dues. The Membership Committee has been cited in a previous paragraph for meritorious work.

CHRONICLE OF THE ARCADIA WOMAN'S CLUB JUNIORS
1937--1953

1937 marked the beginning of a part of the Arcadia Woman's Club which has been destined for great service. There had been felt a need for greater participation of young women in the organization and this need was answered by the formation of a junior section. At the home of Mrs. Eugene Harpole, under the direction of Mrs. Charles W. Stewart, senior president, and Mrs. Ardene Boller, a group of twenty-one young women were organized as the charter junior section of the Arcadia Woman's Club. With intellectual and civic improvements as their objectives, these members elected Mrs. William D. Gibbs, then Eleanor Lucas, the first president, and three senior sponsors were chosen--Mrs. John Hostutler, Mrs. Dorothy Schweisthal and Mrs. Harold Johns.

It soon became the desire of the group to become a part of a larger organization, that of District and State Federation. In April of 1938, after having attended the District Federation meetings in Los Angeles under the direction of Mrs. Rex Harbert, the members voted to become a part of that splendid group.

As all young people, the Juniors have always had their fun as well as their serious times, so, after a summer of dances, hay-rides, and picnics together, the Juniors met in the fall ready to work together in the service to their community. A community Carnival in the gardens of the E. Timmerhoff home was their first job of the Club year. With the Rotarians, the Parent-Teacher groups, the Elks, Mothers Chorus, the Woman's Club and other organizations in town, the Carnival was voted a huge success. A circus atmosphere was obtained by fortune tellers, barkers, booths and an "amiably roaring lion".

This same year the Juniors served in the Los Angeles District Federation of Woman's Clubs' food booth at the County Fair in Pomona. They also provided luncheon at the clubhouse for the Community Chest workers of our area.

A study project was chosen for the year and a series of lectures and films and their allied arts were presented to the membership. This series was made to tie in with the District Federation project.

Philanthropic work is a vital one to all of these young women and so this year their fingers were busy dressing dolls to help in the valuable work being done by the Arcadia fire dept. for under-privileged children. Their aim was a Happy Christmas for every child. Their service to others did not stop here, however, and it was voted by the membership to buy a Braille Bible to be presented to some worthy blind person.

Reciprocity Day with a district speaker and guests from all of the district Junior Clubs was a big event for the Juniors in the Spring of 1939.

March of this year was a high spot for not only the Woman's Club, but for the Juniors as well. This was the third annual Turf Club Ball staged by the Woman's Club. The Juniors assisted in many ways to make this an outstanding social event in Arcadia. Throughout the club year the Juniors attended the District Federation and took an active part in their projects. At the annual convention Mrs. William Gibbs, Arcadia Junior President was elected Registrar of the Jr. District Federation.

Election of Mis Barbara Geiger (Mrs. Corweth J. Roache) as president of the Juniors for the year of 1939 and spring of 1940 started the group forward into a very successful year of community service and of intellectual improvement. The year saw a continued growth in interest and in participation in Federation. A new meaning of our district slogan "Strength United is Stronger" came to the Juniors as they worked with other groups in the philanthropic project of the District, that of "more beds for the needy" in the Orthopaedic Hospital for Children, in Los Angeles.

Arcadia was being well represented in District work by an active group of young women and it was to one of these, Mrs. William Gibbs, that the privelege of serving as President of the Los Angeles District Federation of Junior Club-women was given. This was indeed an opportunity to serve the district even more than in the past.

In Arcadia, Virginia Hostutler was chosen as the leader for the 1940-41 club year. With Mrs. James Stoker, president of the Senior club, Mrs. Wood Glover and Mrs. Elizabeth Ingram as sponsors, Miss Hostutler led the club forward to new goals. Participation in the community Chest Drive was an undertaking of the group and through this, they learned to know better the people of their community and to see more closely community needs. It was through efforts of the Juniors and the Chamber of Commerce that a traffic signal was placed at the corner of First Ave. and Huntington Dr. Times have changed much as we see the traffic hurrying down Huntington Drive, to think only a few short years ago it was necessary to campaign for a signal at this corner. As the city of Arcadia has grown, so has the Junior Woman's Club, but never too big to see the small as well as the large needs in our community.

The Arcadia Welfare and Thrift Shop was chosen as the project for this year and Christmas found the Juniors again dressing dolls and preparing boxes of food for distribution to the needy.

The Arcadia Juniors were again honored by the District. Miss Virginia Hostutler, the outgoing President of the Arcadia Club was elected secretary of the District Federation. At this same time, Mrs. William Gibbs was elected State Vice President of Juniors.

Eleanor Eastwood (Mrs. George Hutchins) was installed president of the Arcadia Juniors for the year of 1941-42. Mrs. James Stoker, Mrs. Philip Libby, Mrs. Dickenson and Mrs. Elizabeth Ingram served with her as senior sponsors. The war years were upon us and the Juniors met the challenge in every way possible. They contributed to the Woman's Ambulance and Defense Corps, they assisted the Red Cross in the rolling of bandages and contributed garments to the Needlework Guild.

Times were difficult for the girls of the club and the new president for 1942-43, Mrs. W. L. Zima had to leave Arcadia because of the war service of her husband, so a new president, Mrs. William Reardon, was elected only to have to resign from her position also. Mrs. Hutchins, at the request of the club stepped back into the presidency to lead the group very ably into the community war effort.

The U.S.O. Hospitality house was voted a project and the girls served many hours to make this home away from home a pleasnt one. Pictures were purchased for the building and they baked literally hundreds of cookies. A Christmas party was held for the wives of service men who were stationed at Camp Santa Anita. This also marked the first year of sponsorship for both Bluebird and Campfire groups.

Lorraine Petersen was the unanimous choice of the girls, for their 1943-44 president. Mrs. Philip Libby was asked to continue as senior sponsor. The Red Cross was again chosen by the group as an outlet for their service to others and twice monthly the girls gathered to roll bandages. Donations to the Blood Bank were also stressed, bringing before the club this personal way of helping others.

Our Junior past president, Eleanor Eastwood, enlisted in the armed services of our country and very soon was followed by Virginia Hostutler. With two of their members serving as Waves, the Juniors were spurred on to greater efforts in the behalf of war service.

Christmas again found the girls working, but this time through the Junior Red Cross. Stockings were filled and decorated for convalescent soldiers. Cigarettes, candy, books, gum--these were only a few of the many things to go into these stockings. Magazine subscriptions of Time and the Reader's Digest were also given to some of our Armed Forces.

1944 and 1945 were the years for the splendid leadership of Mrs. Mary Merget and Mrs. Philip Libby, senior sponsor. The Youth Center was chosen as a project and each girl was assigned days for service. Aid was also continued for the Red Cross and Christmas stockings with gifts for convalescent servicemen were filled. The Juniors also continued sending representation to the Arcadia Coordinating Council, thus taking their place in the decisions of this civic group. They were also represented in the Woman's Civic Conference at the University of Southern California.

With two of their members away in the armed services, and because of their many services to the group, three women were voted honorary members of the club. They were Eleanor Eastwood, Virginia Hostutler, and our senior sponsor, Mrs. Philip Libby. A contribution was made through the District Federation to the Cancer Clinic in Los Angeles. The art department of the district also had a project which was of interest to Arcadia and they helped in purchase of paintings for Birmingham Hospital.

Again election time was due and this year of 1945-46 Miss Margaret Bon Eske was asked to take the helm in leading the Juniors forward to their goal of service to others. Mrs. John P. Ross and Mrs. Libby were sponsors.

District and State Federation were to be stressed through this year and a large group attended one of the state meetings held in this district. Penny Art participation and the Needlework Guild were but two of the District departments which were well supported. Arcadia was again honored by the district when the District Junior President asked Margaret Bon Eske to serve as Recording Secretary.

The Arcadia Juniors were of course, helping the needy when ever possible and they lent their very able support to the District project, the construction of a playroom for children, who are not bed-ridden, in the children's Hospital. They also made popcorn balls for a banquet for the blind, which was held at district headquarters. A veteran was "adopted" by the group and a fund was set up to help meet his needs.

With the bright leis and beautiful flowers of a Hawaiian Auau as the background for the first meeting of the 1946-47 year, Mrs. Phyllis Birk took office as President of the Arcadia Juniors. Their "adopted" veteran continued as the major project of the group and funds for this as well as for the district philanthropy project were raised by means of a "blanket club". The club sent their contribution to the district to help in the work of the Braille Institute and the Auricular Foundation. A Mobile Unit Station Wagon, for the Auricular Foundation, dedicated to the purpose of aiding hard of hearing children, was the aim of the District Federation and the Arcadia Juniors were anxious to help in a very material way.

Going steadily forward, Mrs. S. H. Myers, (Violet) was elected president of the Junior Group for 1947-48. With an open invitation to all senior members to attend their meetings, the Juniors were working toward a closer bond of friendship with their sponsoring club.

Since the District Philanthropic project was aid to the Children's Hospital the club pledged its support to this very worth while enterprise. A donation was also sent to the Military Hospital at McCormack Hospital for a Christmas Party for the Veterans. Christmas, a party was held for the Bluebird group which the Juniors had sponsored for some time.

Spring again was election time and Mrs. Robert C. Hassinger (Vivian) was chosen President for 1948-49. Help with the Red Cross continued as the primary philanthropic project and the club was commended very highly for their work at the Corona Naval Hospital. Many of the group volunteered to help in the Annual Red Cross fund drive. A need was found in Bear Valley, Northern Calif., so shoes, clothing of all kinds, and toys were collected to be distributed in that area.

A Spring Dance as their major ways and means project proved to be most successful. Proceeds from this affair made possible participation in the District project for the Exceptional Childrens' Foundation. Money was also contributed to the March of Dimes Fund.

Mrs. A. A. Hansen (Helen) was elected as president for the 1949-50 club year with a splendid group of officers serving with her. With an active growing group of Juniors it became apparent that some of the charter group were becoming interested in stepping into Senior Club work. With the cooperation of Mrs. J. K. Weems, senior president, and Mrs. John T. Simpson,

an Evening Department was organized as a section of the Senior Club. This group is formed as a stepping-stone for Juniors into the Senior Club work.

With a Spring Dance at the Huntington Hotel and a Rummage Sale providing the necessary funds the girls voted to support the Junior District Philanthropy project, iron lungs for Children at General Hospital. With a real interest in the welfare of children, the McLaren Hall home of non-delinquent children was chosen as their individual club project. To make Christmas a happier one for these little tykes, new toys were purchased and presented to the home.

Mrs. Franklin H. Shepherd (Marie) was elected by the Juniors as their president for the 1950-51 year. Under her leadership the club grew in numbers into a very progressive group. This year saw a step forward in Federation in the joining of Arcadia to the General Federation and to a new insight into the power of a large organization of women bound together in common good. Help was given by the girls to Mrs. Batista, who was here from the Phillipine Islands making a survey in this country for the women of the Phillipines.

With one of their own members stricken by polio, the girls voted to aid her in every way possible and this was chosen as their philanthropic project for the year. Contributions were also made to the District project which was the Sister Kenny Foundation. This was of particular interest to the group because of Jackie Thralls, their stricken member. A wheel chair was purchased for Mrs. Thralls, clothing was made for her children, the Juniors and their husbands painted her home and recovered furniture, refinished floors, bought curtains and drapes and fixed up their yard. In every way possible this fine group of girls tried to help where they found a friend in need. Again they were learning that "Strength United is Stronger." In numbers and through combined interest they were able to accomplish so much more than they could as individuals.

A splendid leader, Mrs. Gerard Connor (Margie) was elected for the year 1951-52. The girls proved to be civic minded indeed and gave their wholehearted support to the Arcadia Spring Festival not only contributing to its support but by having a booth in the carnival area. Two hundred and fifty posters concerning the school bond election were purchased and distributed by this forward looking group.

The John Tracy Clinic was aided by these girls when they donated aprons and manned the Apron booth at the Annual Bazaar given by the Clinic auxiliary. The Van Velzer Home for Tubercular Children was helped and a contribution was also sent to the district project, for the forming of a nursery school for the visually handicapped.

Mrs. Connor was again elected to the presidency for the 1952-53 year and the Juniors have been a very busy group. With a very ambitious list of projects before them: one hundred Thanx packages sent to the boys in Korea, paint sets for the "Little Flower" Missionary Home, tray favors for patients at the Sister Kenny Hospital, food contributions to the needy, a contribution to the District project for rocking beds for polio patients, a contribution to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, as only a part of their many philanthropic projects the Juniors have indeed made a place for themselves in the club work of Arcadia.

Many years have passed since the founding of the first Junior Clubs. Mrs. Helen Cheney Kimberley, a charter member of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs felt strongly the need of young women in club work, so trained that they would be efficient club women of the future. She felt that where there is loyalty to ideals and principles, there can be no selfishness or falsehood or disension. The Arcadia Juniors have proven themselves worthy of her confidence in young women and are indeed taking their place as leaders in our future.

Written by Mrs. William Gibbs

Thus the Chronicle now closes.

There is appended this note from the Chairman of the Chronicle Committee.

First, appreciation is extended to the President, Mrs. Maurine Simpson, for her appointment of myself to the Chairmanship, and for her generous cooperation in every phase of the writing of this work.

To the members of the Committee chosen by the Chairman:

Alma Weems	Lillian Ross
Caroline Ganther	Florence Duffy
Mildred Kingsley	Ida Parker
Mae Glover	Eleanor Gibbs

sincere thanks and appreciation for their untiring efforts in the writing of their assignments. It was no easy task. Laborious and difficult was their research through all the minutes, Press Books, newspaper clippings and reports.

For the early years, there was no written evidence obtainable. All information was obtained through interviews, answers to letters, telephone calls, searching for names, locating early members, and to all who supplied this information and these leads, the writer says "Thank you". Then there were the hours sitting at a typewriter preparing the script for the press. To each and every one who helped in any way, thanks and gratitude are extended.

Truly the present members, those of the past and the future, will hold in grateful remembrance the members who so willingly and generously gave of their time and effort in the compilation of the Chronicle.

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